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WASHINGTON (R) — Attorney General Edwin Meese said Sunday he would not step aside because of a probe into his role in an Iraq oil pipeline deal in which illegal payments were alleged to have been planned for the Israeli Labour Party. "Obviously I shouldn't step aside because if honest public officials can be hounded out of office by partisan political attacks, by media barrages, then no public official is safe," Meese said on ABC television. Meese said it would hurt President Reagan if he stepped aside. There have been calls for him to either resign or take a leave until independent special prosecutor Robert McKay completes his probe of the pipeline proposal and the attorney general's possible involvement in efforts to win government contracts for a scandal-plagued defence contractor.

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#### Note to our readers

THE JORDAN Times has a slightly different look as of today, with two pages of domestic news and features, and ex-panded coverage of Middle East and domestic and interna-tional economic news. This is part of our effort to increase coverage of demestic news, which will be developed further in the coming weeks, including increased local commentaries and analyses, a revamped economic page with more Jorda-nian business and financial news, enhanced coverage of local events in the What's Going On section, and a greater flow of local feature stories.

#### Egypt reports tripartite coordination

DAMMAM (R) — A top Egyptian official said in remarks published Sunday that Egypt, Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) were coordinating their approach to Middle East peace. "There is coordination between Egypt, Jordan and the Palestinians which recently reached a very high level indicating a solid Arab stance in face of Israel," Osama Al Baz, President Hosni Mubarak's top political aide, told the Saudi newspaper Al Yom. His Majesty King Hussein said in Cairo Friday after talks with Mubarak that PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat was expected to visit Amman soon to discuss U.S. Middle East peace propos-

#### Khatib off to Iraq

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Hisham Al Khatib left for Baghdad Sunday to take part in the entys of fourth pan-Arab conference on energy due to convene in the Iraqi capital today (see page 7).

#### Gunmen attack Lebanese soldiers --

BEIRUT (R) - Three Lebanese soldiers were wounded Sunday when unidentified gunmen fired at their barracks in apparent retaliation for the killing of two rightist militia officers, security sources said. Hours earlier gunmen killed two officers of the Lebanese Forces militia on the Jounieh highway north of Beirut. Political sources said there was speculation that officers loyal to President Amin Gemayel carried out the killings after an argument with the victims.

#### Murphy briefs Andreotti on plan

ROME (R) — American Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy has briefed Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti on U.S. efforts to implement a Middle East peace plan. A Foreign Ministry statement Sunday said Andreotti spent nearly three hours Saturday with Murphy, who stopped off in Rome on his way to Washington from Moscow

#### 2 Arab detainees end Cyprus strike

NICOSIA (R) - Two Arab prisoners have ended a 10-day hunger strike in a Cyprus jail, official sources said Sunday. They said two others - Briton Ian Davison, 28, and a Palestinian from Lebanon — were still refusing food but were in good health.

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#### AMMAN MONDAY MARCH 14, 1988, RAJAB 25, 1408

# Mass resignation of Palestinian policemen, tax collectors takes effect

# Israel cuts off fuel supply to W. Bank

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — The Israeli occupation authorities choked off gasoline supplies to the occupied West Bank Sunday after 450 Palestinian police and tax collectors resigned in protest against the Zionist state's occupation.

The army confirmed a Palesti-nian died after being shot in the reports said a five-year-old boy

# PLO refutes alleged call on deputies to resign

AMMAN (Petra) — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Sunday categorically refuted the contents of a statement which was allegedly issued by the Unified National Leadership of the Uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza calling on deputies representing the West Bank in the Lower House of Parliament to

An official statement issued by the government said PLO Office Director Abdul Razak Al Yahya had obtained a copy of the actual statement directly from Jerusalem, providing conclusive evidence that it contained no reference to Parliament members or anything that might harm the national unity of the two banks of River

According to the official statement, a copy of pamphlet number 10, dated March 10, 1988 which was received by the government in

Annuan in part urged deputies to resign.

Prime Minister Zaid Rifai summoned Yahya to his office Saturday and informed him of the contents of the pamphlet and pointed out the seriousness of sach calls and their negative consequences on the national unity and the common struggle of the

Arab people on both sides of River Jordan.

Rifai also pointed to the danger inherent in tampering with the current Palestinian uprising and diverting it from the enemy to brothers and companions in the joint struggle, according to the official statement.

His Majesty King Hussein, "has faith and trust in the national stands of all factions of the Palestinian people, and is confident that they are capable of confronting and dealing with all suspect calls which can only serve the enemy's objectives," the statement said.

The statement said Yahya was surprised at the contents of the pamphlet and called the prime minister at midnight Saturday night voicing the PLO's total denial of such calls as included in the pamphlet. Yahya Sunday produced a copy of the genuine text of the pamphlet circulated to the people in the occupied Arab territories, the statement said.

The government statement said that this incident "underlines the importance of public awareness to counter all attempts designed to divert the uprising from its noble objectives."

Kuwait

move to

assails U.S.

close PLO

U.N. mission

KUWAIT (AP) — The Kuwaiti government, adding an official voice to widespread condemnation of the United States in the

news media along the Gulf, Sunday denounced U.S. moves to

close the Palestine Liberation

Organisation (PLO) office at the

Gulf newspapers, sharply criticising the decision by the U.S.

Justice Department, have also

called for Arab action to counter

counter to the host country's legal

obligation under the (U.N.)

headquarters agreement, implies,

a flagrant defiance of the feelings

of the entire Arab Nation," said a

cabinet statement read to repor-

ters after the weekly meeting by

the minister of state for cabinet

affairs, Rashed Abdul Aziz Al

this decision which involves sheer

hostility to the just cause of the

Arab people of Palestine, it ex-

presses astonishment that this

step should coincide with the

fierce uprising of the Palestinian people in the occupied Arab terri-

He said the cabinet also noted

that the step coincided with "the

demand for world support to, and

solidarity with, the legitimate and

inalienable rights of the Palesti-

man people and its sole legitimate

U.N. faces limited options, page 5

tories," Rashed said.

representative, PLO."

"While the cabinet condemns

"The decision, which runs

United Nations.

died from burns sustained by a

After two fuel trucks were set ablaze in the West Bank and others stoned, the occupation army banned fuel trucks from entering the occupied West Bank, the daily Maariv newspaper said.

A senior official in the West Bank military government confirmed the report. "We will arrange for fuel deliveries only to places where it is vital for public services," said the official who demanded anonymity.

In the West Bank town of Bethlehem, service station owners said they would be out of gasoline by the end of the day.

Station owner Rabaa Abdin said he had run out of regular and his high-test would last only a few hours. He said he called the fuel company but got no clear answer

on availability of gasoline. Yussef Mansara, a physician, told a reporter while waiting in a line for gasoline that fuel shortages would cause hardships, and "I think it will only encourage the

The army confirmed economic restrictions had been imposed on Qabatiyeh, where an alleged collaborator was hung from an electrical pole last month by an angry mob after shooting a child to

The village, which has a stone quarry, will be barred from exporting its products to the East Bank and will be unable to receive visitors from abroad, an army official said. Qabatiyeh is also without electricity, he said.

A police ministry spokesman said 450 of 850 Palestinian police officers in the West Bank and Gaza had handed in their papers after underground leaflets called for their resignations. He said Israeli police might be

called to help but not enough could be summoned to provide

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Wazir said attacks such as

Monday's bus hijacking in which

three Israelis were killed might

damage the image of the uprising

"But our people in the occu-

pied territories must have the

feeling they are not being left to

confront the occupation on their

Nothing new in U.S. plan'

Arab-Israeli peace that was sub-

mitted to Jordan, Syria, Egypt and Israel by U.S. Secretary of

State George Shultz last week. Wazir said: "The American prop-

osal does not offer new ideas.

Just the well-known, old Amer-

deal directly with the basic factor in the conflict. They won't accept

the Palestinian people's right to

self-determination and they won't

acknowledge the PLO as its sole,

legitimate representative," he

Middle East... is part of an inter-

national move to help Israel after

the popular uprising," Wazir

He said the U.S. administra-

tion was trying to "to keep the world busy by talking about peace, without really aiming at

Wazir criticised the U.S. deci-

sion Friday to close the PLO mission at the U.N. headquar-

"This is practical evidence of Israeli blackmail on the Amer-

ican administration. It shows

there is no real willingness to deal

with the issue of true peace," he

achieving results."

ters in New York.

"The U.S. involvement in the

"The Americans still refuse to

Turning to the U.S. proposals for

in the eyes of the world.

own," he said.

Death toll rises to 4 in

Israeli raid on Sidon

SIDON, Lebanon (Agencies) —

The bodies of three Palestinian

fighters killed in Saturday's Israeli

air strike on five military posi-tions near this southern Lebanese

town were recovered from

Israeli jets Saturday bombed

Sunday's police report raised to

The raid, the second on Leba-

four the death toll in the attack.

non this year, was apparently in

retaliation for the hijacking of an

Israeli bus by Palestinian com-

mandos in the Naqab desert last

Wazir: Raids will

not end uprising

In Amman, a Palestinian milit-

ary leader said Saturday Israeli

air raids on Lebanon would not

end the Palestinian uprising in the

Israeli-occupied West Bank and

Gaza or deter resistance attacks

to assume that such raids will end

the uprising. They will only fuel the flames," Khalil Al Wazir,

deputy military chief of the Pales-

tine Liberation Organisation

(PLO), told reporters in Amman.

He said Palestinians in the

West Bank and Gaza had so far

used only crude weapons such as

sticks and stones in three months

"But in areas away from these

popular confrontations, the

Israelis should expect operations

against military or strategic

targets to raise our people's

morale and confuse the enemy."

of protests against Israeli occupa-

"The Israelis would be wrong

the five positions in the Mieh

Mich and 'Ain Al Dilb areas near

Sidon, 40 kilometres from Beirut,

wounding 10 people.

Monday.

rubbles Sunday, police said.

His Majesty King Hussein meets a visiting Finnish delegation Sunday (Petra photo)

# Jordan seeks just, comprehensive Mideast peace settlement — King

AMMAN (Petra) — The Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occu-pied West Bank and Gaza is the natural outcome of world failure to find a just and durable peace settlement to the Middle East problem, His Majesty King Hus-sein Sunday told a visiting Finnish delegation.

The King reiterated Jordan's stand that an international conference attended by the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council and all parties involved in the Arab-Israeli con-

Shamir

flict, including the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), and convened on the basis of U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 and 338 is the only forum for achieving just and comprehensive peace in the region.

The King noted that all countries as well as a large number of Israelis and Jews outside Israel support the call for such a confer-

The King expressed hope that ongoing efforts aimed at estab-lishing peace and ensuring secur-

struction of air shelters in major

cities would "turn the country

bers of the cabinet sent him a

letter calling for a speeding up of

shelter-building, following a sav-

age 12-day missile exchange that

The Iraqi News Agency (INA)

into a strong fortress."

He was speaking after

killed scores of civilians.

would succeed in finding a just and comprehensive solution for the Palestinian question.

Earlier Sunday, Prime Minister Zaid Rifai received the Finnish delegation.

Rifai briefed the delegation on Jordan's position vis-a-vis the Arab-Israeli conflict and said the Kingdom was seeking a just and peaceful settlement of the conflict

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ground battle in the central sector

that began late Saturday and en-

Iran did not comment on the

report, but IRNA reported that

in a separate raid farther north,

Iranian Revolutionary Guards

and anti-government Kurdish guerrillas killed or wounded 450

An Iraqi military spokesman said later Sunday 21 civilians had

been killed so far in Iranian shell-

ing and Iraq would fire more

The spokesman did not say

hen the retaliatory missile

He said Iran had begun shelling

residential areas of the town of

Halabja, 240 kilometres north-

east of Baghdad, Saturday and

the bombardment was still going

on. It had injured 79 people, he

missiles unless it stopped.

would be fired at Tehran.

# Crown Prince, Zia hold talks in **Islamabad**

ISLAMABAD (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan met bere Sunday with Pakistani President Mohammad Zia Ul Haq and discussed questions related to a conference of Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) foreign ministers due to open in Amman later this

The Crown Prince and Zia also discussed the general situation in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza, regional economic and political issues of mutual concern and bilateral relations.

Prince Hassan arrived in Islamabad Saturday on a brief work-

ing visit.
The Crown Prince held talks with Pakistani Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo Saturday.

The Crown Prince returned to Amman late Sunday.

# Iraq says Iranian offensive foiled

ded early Sunday.

#### BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Iraq said its ground forces beat back heads for an Iranian attack in the central U.S. with sector of the war front Sunday and its warplanes attacked a tank-er in the Gulf. Baghdad also accused Iran of shelling civilians rejection of and said it would fire a ground-toground missile at Tehran in re-Shultz plan Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency quoted Prime Minister Hussein Musavi as saying con-

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir was headed for Washington Sunday, leaving behind a deeply divided government as he prepared to tell U.S. President Ronald Reagan he opposes a proposed American peace plan.

Shamir, leader of the rightwing Likud bloc, discussed the plan with cabinet ministers for the third time Sunday but said he would not call for a government vote until after his trip.

"After I come back with a summation of my talks with representatives of the American government, the cabinet will meet immediately and I think we'll have a decision on this subject,' Shamir said on Israel Radio. "It's a matter of about a week."

Israel is deeply divided over the initiative, which is supported by the half of the coalition government headed by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres' Labour

Tens of thousands of Israeli leftists staged a protest rally organised by the anti-war "Peace Now" movement in Tel Aviv Saturday night, calling for Shamir to accept the U.S. proposals and an end to the 20-year occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. A counter-rally in support of Shamir was planned Sunday night

by Gush Émunim, a settlers' Shamir, who has said the U.S.

plan was "fraught with danger"

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reported more than 1,000 Iranians were killed in the 3½-hour **UAE** leader begins

CAIRO (Agencies) — United Arab Emirates (UAE) President Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan arrived in Cairo Sunday on his first visit in nearly a de-

> Zayed, the first Arab leader to visit Egypt since most Arab states resumed relations with Cairo four months ago, was welcomed by President Hosni Mubarak in a red carpet ceremony.

Zayed's programme during his three-day visit includes a trip to the UAE pavilion at Cairo's International Trade Fair and a state banquet hosted by Mubarak. He and Mubarak are due to

hold their first formal talks Monday which officials said would deal with the Palestician uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, the new U.S. peace plan, the Gulf war and



Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan

inter-Arab relations. The two leaders last met in January when Mubarak toured

# missile into Tehran BAGHDAD (AP) --- Iraq said it

Iraq fires

fired a missile into Tehran Sunday in retaliation after Iranian artillery shells struck Iraqi border town, killing 21 people. The attack came just two

days after the two countries began an uneasy truce that followed a 12-day missile duel on each other's capitals in which scores of civilians were "If the Iranian regime con-

tinues its aggression, then our retaliation will continue with all-out strength," a military spokesman said here over Bazhdad radio and television. Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Cyprus,

confirmed that Tehran was hit but gave no reports on the site of the blast, casualties or dam-"Iran's Muslim combatants

will severely retaliate, an unidentified spokesman was quoted as saying. It appeared that both sides were poised for a full-scale re-

sumption of the "war of the cities," although an Iraqi military spokesman earlier had said the missile fired at Tehran was intended as an isolated attack. The Iraqi spokesman said: "The Iranian rulers who were forced to stop the war of the

cities after being taught very bitter lessons, thought they will spare their capital from Iraqi attacks and then resume shelling Iraqi border towns." Iraqi President Saddam Hus-

sein visited the northern sector of the Gulf war front after the shelling began, according to Baghdad Television.

# Pakistan to announce Afghan decision today

QUETTA, Pakistan (Agencies)

— Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo said Sunday Pakistan would take a final decision Monday whether to sign a U.N.mediated Afghan peace accord in Geneva.

He told reporters he had completed a process of consultations and "will take a final decision tomorrow," when the peace talks in Geneva resume after a two-day "You will know whatever deci-

sion is made," he said. The Soviet Union has offered to withdraw an estimated 115,000 troops in Afghanistan within nine months beginning on May 15 if Pakistan signs the agreement by March 15.

Islamabad insists on a neutral transitional government being set up in Afghanistan to oversee the withdrawal and to encourage about five million Afghan refugees to return home from Pakistan and

"We have to inform them of

our decision by March 15," Junejo told a meeting earlier in the day in Quetta, capital of Baluchistan province bordering Afghanistan and Iran. The meeting was the latest in a

series of consultations by the prime minister with politicians, parliamentarians and other groups to arrive at a national ensus on the issue.

Although Moscow and Kabul have accused Islamabad of blocking what could be an imminent Soviet pullout, Junejo's stance has solid public support in

At an unprecedented meeting with leaders of all parties of his political opposition, including Benazir Bhutto of the Pakistan

long as it does not wreck a possible military accord.

Junejo said Sunday Pakistan wanted the transitional government to represent the guerrillas, the refugees and the ruling Peo-ple's Democratic party of Afgha-nistan (PDPA) of President Naiibullah.

"A genuinely representative Jirga (assembly) of the Afghan people ... should decide the shape of the future set-up," he

The Western-backed guerrilla groups, most of which are based in Pakistan, have refused Kabul's offer to ioin a coalition government and have decided to set up a transitional government of their

Most of the Pakistani opposition politicians who Junejo met People's Party, nearly all leaders last week advised him not to

supported the Pakistani stand as make the transitional government a pre-condition for signing the agreement, which has been negotiated through U.N. mediator Diego Cordovez.

> Also Sunday, the main guerrilla alliance fighting the Sovietbacked Afghan government met to select a new leader amid reports the rebels may send a deegation to Geneva.

Guerrilla sources said the new leader would be announced later, perhaps Monday when the indirect talks in Geneva between Pakistani and Afghan delegations resume.

The sources said the guerrillas' plan to send a team to Switzerland was one of the reasons for the resignation Saturday of the alliance<sup>7</sup>s leader, Mohammad Younis Khalis.

Afghan rebels in disarray, page 4

# Beyond barriers of culture, tradition Fayez,

By Jean-Pierre A. Fenyo Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The building where we met, tucked along the bridgetunnel intersection of Hussein Ibn Ali & Ibn Sina Streets, shows little external indication of its use. However, once inside, one discovers that it houses some of the greatest treasures, and unique people in Jordan. Mr. Saleh K. Abu Shindi, a greying, roundfaced middle-aged man is one of these people. After seeing his art work, and record of achievements I just had to ask him his vision of the future.

He takes a few moments to ponder my question. Then, with a sigh of relief, the Jaffa-born artist looks up at me and with the air of a clairvoyant, says:

"I see the future of art, and the artist. in Jordan as (being) predominantly concerned with the preservation of the local folk arts. and Islamic heritage. Yet, the artist," continues Abu Shindi, who obtained a B.Sc. in fine arts and an honorary diploma in art education from Cairo University nineteen years ago, "will use different, more modern methods and styles to express his vision of his heritage. Always towards simplicity, but with a little bit of intricacy here and there in his work, so that our art heritage will always retain the roots, its distinct variation. There will be more freedom to explore within the slowly but no less expanding perimeters of our society's culture and religion. Iraq and Egypt will continue to lead in the arts. but Kuwait and Gulf states are catching up, and Jordan, will (have to) do its very best to show its potential in the world, and Arab World of Arts. If true peace with dignity and justice happens for our peoples then it is sure that an increase in Jordanians interests in the arts will also happen, and we will then be able to develop our society to its ful-

#### An energetic person

Abu Shindi is a very active person full of energy who, aside from teaching elementary art at Manhal Universal School (a private Islamic school), instructing art students at an official art institute, and working as a lecturer in fine arts (since 1982) at the Department of Art at Yarmouk University three days a week, finds time to raise a family of three children, and still has the energy to play Ping Pong at the Hussein Palestinian Refugee Camp. If you were to ask him what he gets out of all this, why does it: he will answer by showing you a small sampling of his vast collection of sketches, drawings, and paintings. Some are of villages in Jordan and Palestine, others show Arab women relaxing, and then there are those really interesting and wild interpretations of cultural objects such as oil lamps, coffeepots, and ancient Bedouin folk costumes. Though most of his art-works are concerned with Arab culture and Islamic heritage, he has Picasso's sense of universalism, and some of his works are beyond the barriers of ours had some effect on their



Hassan Bek Mosque in Jaffa

culture and tradition.

Like any accomplished artist, Abu Shindi can draw anything just as it is really seen, yet, unlike most of his younger colleagues, he has the refined ability to see fascinating things never seen before, or which most people overlook, and which most of his colleagues find greater difficulty drawing without losing the subject or object. His art reflects a prevailing trend which he seeks to enrich and nourish as much as possible. One may call it plastic art, modern art, conceptual expressionism, or even sub-realistic. but to Abu Shindi it is what it depicts, as much as what you see in it. Thus his art is an active, unlimited form of discovery, which is just as much directed towards those familiar with their culture as towards those, mostly foreigners, to whom the shapes are strange, but always interesting, meaningful, and in some unusual wav "real".

Abu Shindi may very well be, as far as Jordanian art is concerned, a sign of the times to come, but most of his students do not seem to be, as yet, interested in his form of art-in-discovery-of-"But," says the artist "they are interested in classical arts, because as students successful in this form can go, with ease, into modern (art). They like to make the sketch and outlines correct. but they use inconsistent colours, in this way (they) veer off into modern art." Asked if the cost of materials, particularly oils, water colours, or pastels had anything to do with the "veering that Abu Shindi had described, most of his students acknowledged that the high costs and limited variety of available col-

Abu Shindi teaches at Yarmouk University both commercial and artistic graphic design, most of his students preferring semi-abstract design in the commercial arts, but he is aware that

#### A history of devotion

sometimes he unwittingly influ-

ences his students to explore

modern art in their own ways,

and styles.

Throughout his career as a teacher of the arts Abu Shindi has participated heavily, and deeply in the activities and affairs of the Jordanian art world. He has had his art-work exhibited in places as far away as New York City, participating in 1964 at the Jordanian pavillion during the New York International Fair. In France, two of his works, along with works by Mohanna Durra. were selected to represent Jordan at the International Young Artists Festival of Paris in 1977. He has staged six solo exhibitions; the first being at the British Council, Amman 1971, the fifth at The Petra Bank Gallery two years ago, and this past summer Holland in Rotterdar He has written articles of Fine Arts, mostly in Arab art maga-

zines and papers. The artist has also given seminars on modern art, and has had his work exhibited throughout the Arab World. Some of his art appeared, around three years ago, in The Jerusalem Star on a weekly basis for half a year.

"I see how true it is, that art is and yet conserving the community," Abu Shindi says. "The purour cultural and Islamic renewed energy.

#### heritage." When the artist was about six, or up to that age, his mother, a Turkish woman married to a Palestinian, would take him with her in the early mornings to a special place on the Jaffa beachfront, near the town, where many of the women, of all ages, would bathe in the fresh Mediterranean Sea waters. Since they would bathe in their under garments and

reason the bathing area was forbidden to men. And it was in the little huts or tents where the women would sit down, drink tea, talk that he developed an eye, sincerely innocent, towards drawing these contours, but with the intention of preserving the cultural heritage of his people. He admits that some of his nudes are slightly sexual in their nature but never in

dresses, the contours of their

bodies would show, and for this

a perverse sense. in a country that has set for itself such high standards of education, and with such great expectations, Abu Shindi, though far from the perfect brilliance of neutron star exploding, is a Jordanian artist sincerely committed to his Kingdom, and his people, with their affluent culture, and Islamic heritage. He is humble, and does not demand nor even expect to be given attention or admired. Nevertheles, Abu Shindi has had, and will continue to have a great influence on art in Jordan.

'In a Jordan of great progress in our culture, history, and invention, the development of art will, I hope, reflect the value of the community. These young artists are the future of Jordan, and their art shows these values of our culture. I have seen what happens when a society dumps its art, its artists, it then loses something very precious and part of it soul. Abu Shindi said, as he started working on a sketch of an oillamp burner on his desk.

I asked him what he saw happening among most Jordanians who pick up an interest in the His answer seemed to contradict his vision of the future of art in Jordan.

The majority want to be like the famous, and exceptional. Wealth — most are also interested in business and commercial art is not one of their priorities, but it (has) affected their mentality to the arts. They think themselves as much more intelligent and capable when compared with older artists, of two generations ago. There are hardly any young and accomplished artists in Jordan because of impatience due to the fact (that) everything is happen-SO IZSL

Showing some crayon drawings, of children playing in the school yards, that ten and twelve year old students at Manhala Universal Islamic School had drawn, he said. "This is nice, but this form of creativity rarely goes (develops) further, and this worries me a lot, and should concern

It seems the future of art in part of the community, creating Jordan is yet undecided, but that serious artists value Abu Shindi's trendy style, and that his efforts pose of my art has been to revive are just beginning to flourish with

our people more.'

# **Dudin hold** talks with **Bulgarian** delegation

AMMAN (Petra) — A delega-tion representing the Bulgarian Red Cross Society (BRCS) met here Sunday with Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Marwan Dudin and discussed developments on the Palestinian scene and the current uprising in the occupied Arab territory.



BRCS President Kiril Ignatov and his assistant Alexander Marinov heard from the minister a briefing on the latest developments in the Middle East and Israel's policies against the Arab

Dudin also voiced Jordan's appreciation of the International

Red Cross societies for providing assistance to the Palestinians under Israeli occupation.

The two-member delegation, who arrived here Friday, met later with the Lower House of Parliament's Speaker Akef Al Fayez and discussed the latest developments in the area.

# Women's role in Palestinian uprising dominates international day activities

By Sana Atiyeh Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Palestinian women in the occupied territories are equally contributing to the struggle against Zionism not only by encouraging their husbands and children to demonstrate and rise against the occupation, but also by leading demonstrations and participating in the revolt.

A theme of women's strong role in the Palestinian struggle was evident during three activi-ties celebrating International Woman's Day last week.

Speaking on the role of Palestinian women, different speakers agreed that the role of the Palestiman woman is that of the supporting mother and wife, fighter, prisoner, martyr, and mother and wife of martyrs who have fallen under the Israeli bullets.

Another form of Palestinian women's resistance, according to Dr. Jawad Anani, president of the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) is what he called "the war of the womb." Anani, speaking at a fund-raising lunch for the Palestinian uprising held by the Professional and Working Women's Club, said that Palestinian women must be encouraged to have as many children as possible to enhance the continuity of the struggle against Zionism.

"Our resistance must be based on preparation of faithful, trained, educated and aware cadres. This is a war of the womb' between Arabs and Jews, and our 'wombs' are stronger than theirs," Anani said.

He added that Arab women and Arab schools "must guarantee the transfer of a father's soirit to his son; brother's to brother until the enemy realises that it is not only facing a temporary development but an ongoing army through time."

The 1929 revolution

At a rally supporting Palesti-nian women at the Professional Associations Complex, journalist Therese Haddad said that during the 1929 revolution, Palestinian women's movement entered a new era in history.

"When hundreds of Palestinian houses demolished, and tens of Zionist measures of occupation,

children orphaned without financiai supporters, women found themselves facing huge responsi-bilities," Haddad explained.

She added that the main aim of the women's conference held in Jerusalem in 1929 was to organise a women's movement in Palestine to work towards saving and supporting families in need.

"The fact that Palestinian women's history is full of sacrifice and struggle is enough reason for obtaining their freedom, and support must be given to them, especially for their steadfastness on their land." Haddad noted.

Haddad said that women and children who live in Palestinian refugee camps face difficult and humiliating lives with various health and social problems. These women cannot be helped except through a general struggle towards solving the Palestinian cause — a solution that guarantees an independent national Palestinian state and securing the right to self-determination and the return of all refugees to their lands." she said.

The speaker added that these basic demands require persistent efforts by the Arab national movement and the world liberation movements, "because the Zionist colonialists' aggression and Palestinian dispossession, is directly supported and planned by imperialist governments, headed by the United States," she stressed.

Solidarity with Palestinian 

March 8, internationally recog-nised as a day of solidarity with women for their professional, civil and national rights, has been recognised by Palestinians under occupation and by international progressive women organisations as a day of solidarity with the Palestinian women in their rightful struggle against Zionist occupation, head of the Palestinian Women's Federation, Isam Abdul Hadi said at the Professional Associations Complex.

Abdul Hadi added that Palestinian women inside and outside the occupied territories, not only have to deal with social, cultural, economic and political oppres-"When hundreds of Palestinian sion, but also with genuine suf-men were detained, tens of fering as a result of racist and

and the state of dispossession. "The occupation — the longest state of suffering for one people in contemporary history — places increasing economic and social burdens on Palestinian women making them face unlimited and drastic complications," Abdul Hadi pointed out.

She added that Palestinian women, realising that the route to final emancipation is liberating the Palestinian homeland, have placed that goal above any other

By highlighting the liberation of Palestine from Israeli occupation, Abdul Hadi said, "women are currently leading demonstrations and sit-ins, participating in relief work, and helping in the escalation of the uprising.

"They mother the children of martyrs and families of the prisoners, they transfer blood and nurse the wounded, and sing when they receive the bodies of their martyr sons," Abdul Hadi illustrated.

She saluted the spirits of the martyrs, the pride of the prisoners, the dignity of the Palestinian fighters, and the steadfastness of the Palestinians in every village, town and refugee camp. In the name of all Palestinian

women, Abdul Hadi vowed to remain faithful to the memory of "our women martyrs and to continue the struggle until they achieve victory, and until the Palestinian flag flies over our independent Palestinian state."

During a brief gathering in honour of the mothers and wives of Palestinian martyrs at the PAC, Lana, 6, and her brother Musa, 12, whose father is a martyr, recited Palestinian poetry. Lana had recited a poem written about Abu Rami - the commando who flew into an Israeli military base in a hang glider raid in November just before the uprising erupted on Dec. 9 - at the rally a couple of days earlier, inducing tears out of the eyes of those attending.

She had dedicated the poem to the children stone-throwers in the occupied territories. Musa and Lana, from the town of Halhoul near Hebron, were orphaned along with 7 other brothers and sisters, when their father was shot by Israeli bullets.

EXPATRIATES: A Jordanian consultancy firm will prepare two major studies which will be sub-

mitted to the Jordanian Expatriates Conference which will open in Amman in July. The analysis are being prepared by Dar International Consultancy firm whose director Talal Abu Ghazaleh discussed the project here Sunday with Minister of Labour and So. cial Development Rashid

MINISTRY POSTS: Senior. posts at government departments specially those of the first, second or third categories can be filled only through a request by the concerned minister to the director of the Civil Service Commission, according to a circular by the prime minister's office CANDIDATES: Candidacy for

Amman Chamber of Industry's

consultative sectoral committees was closed Saturday, while elections will be held on March 19. 152,534 STUDENTS: The number of students attending Zarqa governorate schools increased by 19,000 students in 1988, thus bringing to 152,534 the number of students attending 453 schools and educational institutions in the governorate, including 1,111 students attending the six compre-bensive and vocational schools. HOUSE COMMITTEE: Lower House Agricultural Committee Sunday discussed issues of interest to the agricultural and ponitry sectors in Jordan. ORIENTALIST: University of

Jordan President Abdul Salam Al Majali Sunday discussed with a visiting East German Orientalist from Martin Luther University. cultural and scientific cooperation in the area of oriental studies and exchange of documents and manuscripts.

PATRIARCH SABBAH: Roman Catholic Patriarch of Jeresalem Michel Sabbah crossed into the East Bank Sunday and went directly to the northern city of Ajloun where he said mass and met with the Roman Catholic community in the northern regions of the country. Sabbah's visit to the East Bank is the third since his consecration as patriarch in Rome in January.

PORT WORKERS: The General Union of Workers in Agaba port and clearing officers will hold their general assembly meet-ing in Amman Friday to elect a new nine-member board- to serve for the coming four years. At least 20 candidates contesting the seats are grouped into three separate blocs, and are seeking support from the 800-member union.

JVA PRESIDENT: Jordan Valley Authority President Moham mad Bani Hani will Tuesday deliver a lecture at the University of-Jordan on controlling the use of irrigation water in the Jordan Valley.

NEW DEPARTMENT: Minister of Education Thougan Hinds wi has created a new department at the ministry to be charged with the task of following up the inplementation of services for the ministry's projects.

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## WHAT'S GOING ON

**EXHIBITIONS** 

☆ Art exhibition by Mahmond Taha at Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts (runs through 14/3/1988).

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★ Exhibition entitled "La terre entre vos mains" at the French Cultural

☆ Islamic book exhibition at Yarmonk University in Irbid (until March 14).

\* Exhibition of photos about Woodcuts and typesetting in Germany at Mu'ta University in Karak (until March 15).

 ★ Book exhibition at Arabian Club, Irbid (runs through March 17). ☆ "Fifth Caricature Exhibition,"
works of the late Naji Al Ali at
Hussein Camp Youth Activities Cen-

★ General book exhibition at the Professional Associations Complex in

Art and Andiovisual exhibition at

Ein Ghazal Secondary School (March ★ Exhibition of artificial flowers, ceramics and handicrafts. Plaza Hotel from

**VIDEOS** 

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (runs through

the "Videos about environment at the French Cultural Centre (until March

**CONFERENCE** 

☆ "Un de'fi techniquet au 4'eme milie-naire Par Nathalie Vailant 18:00 hrs French Cultural Centre.

CINEMA

#### TODAY'S EVENTS 20:00 hrs French Cultural Centre &

FEATURE FILM

"The Colour of Money" 7 p.m., ☆ "The Hireling" 7:30 p.m., British
Council.

**CULTURAL WEEK** 

★ Cultural week, at Ein Ghazal Secondary School from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. runs through 19/3/88.

### **CHURCHES**

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De in Saile Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Hussein, Tel. 661757. Terrasasta Church (Roman Catholic), Jabal Luweibdeh, mass in Italian lan-guage, meet every Saturday at 5-30 p.m. Tel: 622366 Church of the Ammediation (Greek Orthodox) Abdali, Tel. 623541. Anglican Church (Church of the Re-deemer) Jabal Amman, Tel. 625383, chaptain's residence tel. 601359.

Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafieh, Tel. 771331. Armenian Orthodox Church Ashra-fich, Tel. 75261. St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Ortho-dox) Ashrafich, Tel. 771751. Antunan International Church (Interiana Orthodex Church Ashra denominational); meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani, Tel.

of the Good Shepherd) Amman, Ara-bic Service: Sunday 7 p.m. Rev. N. Smir 811295. Raishow Congregation (meets at the Good Shepherd's Church) Interdenominational ecomenial English Service: Saturday 6:30 p.m. Tel. 822605, Rev. Veli. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) Tel. 815817, 821264

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# Ministry seeks to improve employees' efficiency

AJLOUN (Petra) - The Minis try of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment is pursuing endeavours to update the skills and improve the effi-ciency of employees in manicipal councils with a view to modernising their operations, the minis-try's Secretary General Awad Al Tal said here Sunday.

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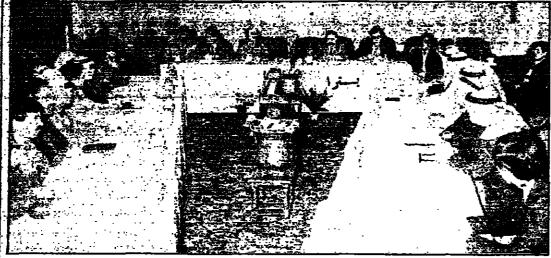
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Speaking at the opening of a training course for the heads of municipal councils in Ajjourn and Jerash districts, Tal said that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs attaches great importance to municipal councils which it considers as institutions for building the local community and serving public inferests.

Ailoun District Governor Mohammad Talhouni made a speech, underlining the importance of developing administration and planning on sound andscientific basis, so that more efficient employment of municipal resources can be made.

The course is being organised by the ministry in cooperation with Yarmouk University.



Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Secretary General Awad Al Tal speaks at the opening of a training course for heads of municipal councils in Ailoun Sunday (Petra

# Major religious ceremony to be held at Al Husseini Mosque Tuesday

AMMAN (Petra) — A major religious ceremony will be held at Al Husseini Mosque, in down-town Amman, Tuesday afternoon on the eve of Al Israa Wal Mi'raj feast, according to an announcement by the Ministry of Awgaf and Islamic Affairs.

The announcement said that the ceremony, which will be held under Royal patronage will inchide religious speeches by prom- religious ceremonies on the holy

inent Muslim scholars and ulemas, religious songs by school students and an exhibition of religious books as well as a documentary film depicting current works on the restoration of Al Aqsa Mosque.

Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat has instructed preachers and imams in various regions to lead

According to an order issued by Amman Governor Mohammad Ali Al Amin all liquor stores, bars and nightclubs in Amman and its suburbs will be closed from Tuesday evening and until Thursday morning.

The feast falls on Wednesday, March 16, when all government departments and public institu-

and Egypt are the material that

Hana uses for the vast majority of

her creations. She hopes that

sooner or later a local fabric

industry will make these material

Every year Hana plans to cre-

ate a new collection emphasising

a basic design and materia! from a particular Arab country, its towns

and villages. She begins this year,

using as examples, traditional

dresses from Salt and Ma'an in

Jordan. If she follows up her plan

she has over 20 countries and

Hana's dream to create a dis-

tinct Arab fashion industry, will

take off on Monday March 14,

when her designs will be mod-

elled at a fashion show at the

Amman Marriott Hotel. The

event is organised by the circle of

French women in Jordan. The

tickets are available for JD 4 at

collections to look forward to.

available here.

# Fashion show to display traditional dresses with 'modern' practicalities

By Mariam Shahin Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — As a young girl in Baghdad, Hana Sadeq Berando waiched her grandmother as she dressed every morning, the Arab thob and the elaborate headdress of her grandmother fascinated her from those early moments of her life. Once she went to school and learned embroidery and sewing, she began marking dresses, similar to those of her grandmother, for her dolls. While attending university, where she studied French literature and contemporary arts, she made most of her own clothes, in a style completely new and unique.

Hana combined the basic designs of the traditional dresses with the practicality of the "modem" or Western dress!

Now Hana has embarked on a very ambitious project to create a new, distinct style of clothing for the Arab woman of today. The

designs that Hana has been working on are exactly those which she has always made for herself, designed so as to combine the beauty and comfort of the traditional dress with certain practical

aspects of the Western dress. She basically uses cottons and silks and other materials that have been traditionally used, such as the umbaz. The working woman, for one, is likely to feel much more comfortable in a wide skirt or shirwal than she is in a tight skirt or pants.

Hana has taken her designs from all the Arab countries she has visited, from the Maghreb to the Yemens. She has lived for extended periods in Baghdad, Beirut, Damascus and she has been living in Amman for the last seyen years....

Expensive wardrobes

"The morning and afternoon tea ladies," Hana suggests,

"would do well to consider modifying their grossly expensive wardrobes, most of which are imported and are a reflexion of cultures and traditions foreign to their own. Some young women in Jordan have already begun to adapt what could be called an 'ethnic' trend. They would be the ones to benefit the most from this new fashion, as it allows above all else for comfort and freedom of movement. essential for those who work, take care of homes and raise children.

"Jordanian women have shown a tendency to overdo, whether it be hairstyles, makeup, or the far too decorative and busy fashions they wear, which are neither a comfort to the eye, nor allow for freedom of movement or are light on the pocket book," Hana said.

Hana has met several women in Jordan who, when asked why they don't adapt a more "Arab" style of dressing, excused them-selves by saying that they don't feel comfortable in it, failing to realise that these designs specificreate comfort.

Hana's designs are geared to suit what she calls the more Arab or Mediterranean figure, not too tall and not always too thin. Most of the dresses and blouses are widely cut, but have optional belts and the pants-shirwal have elastic wastebands.

Hana points out that because the lifestyle of the Arab woman is more complex now than before, and the social fabric has become more complicated, there is a need for her clothing to be as simple as possible in order to create a balance and harmony. For those occasions which require a fancier or more decorative look, Hana uses a wide variety of oriental silver jewellery, whose designs she has collected from throughout the Arab World.

"In recent years there has been a growing market in Jordan for costume jewellery, imported and made in anywhere from Taiwan to Western European countries, with a price range of anywhere from 10 piasters to JD 50, and with our local gold and silver smiths loosing customers daily. Hana believes it is a shame that place should be made in the ewellery boxes of Arab women for these creations of metals, plastics, and straws.

"Almost anything can be created locally if people just put their minds to it and the customers encourage the local fashion artists." Besides, Hana points out that a woman who invests in gold or silver, makes a much more valuable permanent investment.

Rejected in France

In the late 1970s Hana faced considerable difficulties trying to market her designs in France, a country whose nationality she retains. She reports that the retailers there were extremely anti-Arab, her designs were initially welcomed as Israeli fashions' but when told that they were Arab designs, were immediately rejected. The calligraphy, that Hana decorates some of her dresses with, she was told, would remind the European buyer of the "terrorist Arabs." She continued to make attempts to market her goods at prices where she would make as little profit as ID 1 per item, yet to no avail. "It is rather ironic that both Arab clothing merchants and Arab ladies literally bend over backwards and spend all the money that they have to acquire French fashions,"

Cottons and silks from Syria

# National Aid Fund gives financial assistance to 118 more families

AMMAN (Petra + J.T.) - In the course of providing emergency assistance to needy families, the National Aid Fund (NAF) conducted studies on 300 cases in January and February and decided to offer 118 of them monthly financial assistance, NAF Director General Khalil Faouri announced Sunday.

He said that NAF is already giving up to JD 40 a month in financial assistance to nearly 9,000 families in the Kingdom, In addition to financial assistand providing emergency lump sum assistance to families facing disastrous circumstances, such as the loss of the bread-winner of

the family. Faouri said that in some cases year to difficult cases as well as noted.

ance, NAF has spent JD 13,780 on vocational training for unemployed heads of needy families to enable them earn their own income, and JD 936 on the physical rehabilitation of others during the NAF is providing JD 100 once a past two months alone, Faouri

He said that up to JD 3,000 can be available to a single needy family for starting a workshop, of which 35 per cent will be in the form of a grant, and the rest as a free-interest loan, repayable over long periods of time in small

NAF provides a sum of JD 600 for a handicapped person for obtaining artificial limbs, hearing aids or other instruments that can be benefit for him and his family,

The NAF last year distributed a total of JD 25,497 on a monthly basis to 10,061 families, and contributed JD 6,503 towards the rehabilitation of 57 persons, according to a NAF bulletin

Upon its inception in 1986, the NAF announced that the government had allocated JD 1.5 million to provide assistance to the poor. and that this would be augmented by donations from various individuals, voluntary societies and organisations.

The fund is governed by a board chaired by the minister of Labour and Social Development. Meanwhile in Karak, the NAF branch distributed JD 17,700 in cash to needy families during the

past two months. The branch director said that 433 families in the Karak Governorate benefitted from this

# Dajani: Citizens to have **'national** numbers'

AMMAN (J.T.) — Interior Minister Rajai Dajani was quoted as saying that arrangements are being made for giving each citizen a separate "national number" within a computerised system to be employed by the Civil Registration and Passports Department. He told Al Dustour Arabic daily that the new measure is bound to save time and effort while referring to documents pertaining to each citizen for any government procedure.

According to the minister, the government merged the Civil doubt Registration and the Passports effort.



Rajai Dajani

Departments into one unit upon a recommendation by the Royal Commission for promoting the work of the national civil service. He said that citizens dealing with either of these departments had to produce the same documents in the course of obtaining a passport or a civil registration card, and the merger will no

doubt reduce expenses and save

# Cabinet forms team for human settlements meeting

AMMAN (Petra) - The Cabinet cial statement. has formed Jordan's delegation to a conference of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements due to open in India. on

Minister of Public Works and Housing Shafiq Zawaideh will lead the delegation to the six-day It said that the Cabinet also

formed a delegation which will pay a visit to Tunisia on March 20 to inspect educational development in that country.

The delegation will group educational supervisors and directors in a number of Jordanian proconference, according to an offi- vinces.

# Jordan, S. Arabia discuss cooperation in education

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordanian-Saudi Arabian cooperation in higher education was discussed here Sunday at a meeting between Ministry of Higher Education Secretary General Ahmad Al Tal and Dr. Abdul Aziz Al Mushari dean of the Science Department at King Saud University in Saudi Arabia.

The meeting, which was attended by a team accompanying Mushari and senior aides to Tal, was dedicated to prospects of mutual cooperation in promoting higher education in both coun-

Mushari said his university would like to benefit from Jordan's experiments in higher education and community colleges, and lauded the high level of education in the Kingdom.

For his part, Tal outlined his ministry's programmes for promoting higher education, and said that nearly 32,000 Jordanians are now studying at 57 community colleges and 40,000 others are obtaining higher education at the university level in Jordan and

# **Marriott focuses attention** on increasing efficiency

AMMAN — Marriott's business philosophy is to take care of its employees, keep them happy and content with their job and they in turn will take care of the customers, according to Mr. Bill Marriott, chairman and chief executive of the Marriott Corporation.

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In accordance with this policy, Jordanians.

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ployees to gain increased experience and promote their efficiency, he said. According to Haile Aguillar, general manager of the Amman Marriott Hotel, there are several candidates among the employees who are to be sent abroad for further training.

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## Two of a kind

EVERYWHERE one turns one detects more and more similarities between Pretoria and Tel Aviv. Recently South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha was quoted as saying that his country "was strong enough to withstand any measures the international community could implement." This arrogant defiance of the will of the world against Pretoria's apartheid policies came in the wake of its recently implemented policy and its disregard for criticism from other countries about its on-going crackdown on the indigenous black people who oppose South Africa's racial policies. The banning of 18 major black groups from any political activity by the government of South Africa was part and parcel of its new iron fist policies against the various anti-apartheid groups operating in the country. To sum up this new escalation in South Africa's hostility to mounting international criticism. South Africa's ambassador to the United Nations had this to say to the United Nations Security Council: "We will not bow to your threats or demands and we reject your accusations with contempt and invite you to do your damnest."

Doesn't this echo faithfully the policies and attitudes of Israel in the face of increasing international criticisms of its iron fist policies against Palestinians and Arabs in the occupied territories? When Israeli arrogance and defiance of the international community go as far as forbidding foreign journalists from reporting on its oppressive measures against the people of the occupied territories, in order to conceal the truth and facts from international scrutiny, Israel follows on the steps of its allies and friends in Pretoria.

It is not a fact that the so-called self-rule or autonomy formulas that Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir insists on are nothing more than policies of apartheid in disguise being contemplated for the Palestinian people under Israeli occupation? In many ways, Israel has become a spitting image of Pretoria. No wonder there is a growing strategic alliance that binds the two racist regimes.

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Al Ra'i: Arab response?

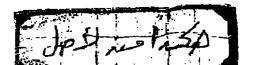
WASHINGTON'S final decision to close the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) mission in New York in violation of its own pledges and commitments when the U.N. organisation was established, is tantamount to Israel's breaking of Arab youths' bones in the occupied Arab territory. The U.S. measure, which has been condemned by many nations, is being practised before the whole world, and is considered as a complementary action to that being carried out by Israel in the territories it has occupied since 1967. The American decision is not directed against the PLO alone but rather against the whole Arab Order, and should be regarded as an attempt to prove that the Arab governments are impotent and incapable of doing anything to safeguard the interests of the Arab Nation. But the Arabs are called on to thwart this theory and prove to the world that their determination and will is far from being broken by the United States. Minister of Information Hani Khasawneh described the American move as yet another blow to U.S.-Arab relations, expressing Jordan's deep regret over such action. It should be emphasised that by this action the U.S. has violated its agreement with the United Nations and has thus abandoned its eligibility as a peace-broker in the

## Al Dustour: PLO, Arabs, U.N. versus U.S.

THE U.S. decision to close the PLO mission in New York serves as a direct blow to the United Nations organisation and the Arab American relations which are already shaken in view of Washington's bias towards Israel. The decision is considered as a violation of U.N.-U.S. agreements and America's commitment to the world organisation, and comes at a time when the U.S. is in dire need of credibility for its diplomatic moves and initiatives in the Middle East. The decision is bound to discourage the Arabs to accept the U.S. initiative for a peace settlement between the Arabs and Israel. It should be said that the U.S. Congress is behind this embarrassing situation for the U.S. administration and any worsening of relations between Washington on the one hand and the U.N. organisation and the Arabs on the other. The American decision, which came on the eve of the arrival in Washington by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, constitutes a dangerous step, harming international relations and serving as a precedent of untold consequences specially if the decision is allowed to pass by without resistance from the world organisation and the Arab Nation. We call on the U.S. administration to reject such a decision and enable that country to avoid further embarrassments before the world.

# Sawt Al Shaab: Uprising persists

THE Palestinian people under Israeli rule are providing constant evidence that their uprising against Israel's oppression will not end, and that the struggle will not falter until Israel responds favourably to the Arab demands and legitimate rights. The Palestinians have proved that they are determined more than ever before to achieve victory and wrest their rights from the Zionists, and abort all Israeli plans and collusion and intrigues. The Israelis proved wrong in their belief that the world will continue to condone their crimes and atrocities against the oppressed people as it did in the past, and they have been confronted by world-wide condemnations of their actions and their brutality against the Arab inhabitants. But, despite this world-wide support for the Palestinian people's rights, the Arabs can never regain their legitimate rights without a unified stand and a consolidation of resources and efforts. Jordan has been keen on rallying the Arabs and unifying their ranks to achieve that goal, and is continuing this policy for the purpose of attaining the Arab Nation's





The Israelis and Palestinians finally find something to agree on.

# Shultz's pot of stew

By Walid Sadi

IF the Shultz peace plan ever comes to fruition, which is indeed a big if given the open hostility expressed to it already by Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and his Likud bloc, the ultimate fate of the whole American plan could very well hinge on the exact meaning accorded to the amorphous equation of "land for peace," by the principal parties to the Palestine case and the overall Arab-Israeli conflict. The U.S. and Israel are already on record that United Nations Security Council Resolution 242, which serves as the basis of the Shultz peace initiative, envisions the trading of some Arab territories by Israel for comprehensive peace by the Arab side. This has been the hallmark of the Israeli and American interpretation of the said resolution ever since its adoption in the wake of the 1967 Israeli-Arab war. The Arab side, on the other hand, has faithfully clinged to the proposition that Resolution 242 calls for complete Israeli withdrawal from all the Arab territories occupied by Israel in the war of 1967 including East Jerusalem and the Golan Heights. Interestingly enough, the Arab conceptual outline of "peace" to be exchanged for land with Israel was never construed as to go beyond the ending of the state of war between the Arab states and Israel and the de jure recognition of the state of Israel within internationally recognised boundaries.

Viewed from these perspectives, the seemingly unbridgeable gaps between the Arab side and Israel over the full contents and dimension of "peace" and the extent of Israeli withdrawal from the Arab territories would certainly be the formidable tasks which would confront the negotiating parties under the Shultz proposal and the fathombale rock on which the whole U.S. peace formula could crash. This is not to mention the fundamental differences that exist between the two sides on how to give full expression to the "legitimate rights of the Palestinian people?" in the context in which they are mentioned in the Shultz plan, which, by way, have yet to be spelled out and more clearly articulated and defined.

With regard to the "peace for land" formula which has finally gained currency and acceptance worldwide, it must be noted that as the Arab side is committed to the principle of complete Israeli al from all the Arab territories, an principled position would surely necessitate the convening of an

Arab summit to give advice on and bestow consent to any such variations. And the more substantial are the territorial changes asked of the Arab side, the harder it is going to be to secure an inter-Arab blessing of such border rectifications. But with even the Labour Party in Israel and its chief echelons committed already to the thesis that Israel will never entertain full Israeli withdrawal from all the Arab territories including East Jerusalem and Golan Heights, one wonders how far the negotiating parties are going to get under the Shultz peace scenarios. Of course all this gloom about the peace prospects between Israel and the Arab side would dissipate if the Israeli stance on the withdrawal issue turns out to be only a baragaining chip which could be traded away depending on the contents and dimensions of the "peace" that the Arab side will be prepared to grant Israel when and if a deal is about to be struck between the two sides. Otherwise, the whole exercise anticipated to ensue from the activation and animation of the Shultz idea will not bear much fruit beyond the realisation of some sort of interim trade off between the two parties which would call for limited "peace" for needs to add or manipulate into his grandiose gournet meal.

limited Israeli withdrawal.

Thus, sooner or later, the whole negotiating process envisaged under the Shultz masterplan will fall or rise on the intricate interrelation that could be weaved by the negotiating parties between the "peace" and "territorial" components of the "land for peace" formula. Surely, the two negotiating sides must carry with them to the negotiating table much imaginative and contingency counter proposals, profound innovative ideas and open mindedness in addition to their fixed and principled negotiating positions. Otherwise the chances of success are doomed before the projected negotiations are kicked off.

Having said all that, it must be noted that the general political climate, both regional and international, is most propitious now for meaningful negotiations between the principal adversaries. On the American scene, the Reagan administration is on record as describing the West Bank and Gaza Strip as a time-bomb in the lap of the Israeli occupying authorities and is now calling for an end to Israeli occupation. U.S. Secretary Shultz has recently said this in so many words. Also recently some thirty U.S. senators, considered to be staunch Israeli supporters in the U.S. Congress, have written a letter to Shultz criticising Shamir and company for their rejection of the Shultz plan and its "peace" for "land" foundation. Moreover, American public opinion has undergone significant transformation in support of the Palestinian rights in the wake of the Palestinian popular uprising and the brutal iron-fist Israeli reaction to it. On the Israeli side, there are positive developments occurring there as well. Over and above the open revolt by Shimon Peres and his Labour Party against Shamir and his Likud bloc for their intransigence, the fact that some 100 senior Israeli officers have also voiced their concern to Shamir over his open rejection of the Shultzproposal, clearly points out that there is a remarkable erosion in the Israeli support to the Likud and its platform on the issues of war and peace in the Middle East. These officers have specifically called for the relinquishment of the Zionist fantasy dream of Greater Israel in favour of accommodation and peace with the Arabs. Only ) Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, a renown hawk and the proponent of the iron-fist policies in the occupied Arab territories, has finally conceded that the Israeli settlement campaigns in the Arab territories have back-fired. All in all, the glorious Palestinian revolt in the West Bank and Gaza Strip has played a most critical catalytic role in making many overdue conclusions to be drawn on the Israeli country, people and government alike. As for the Arab side, their early call for the faithful implementation of Resolution 242 and the exchange of peace for land have been vindicated. All the parties concerned could have saved much blood and anguish had Israel acted in good faith as early as 1967 to negotiate an honourable peace agreement. Yet the political stew which is being cooked up for the peoples of this region is not quite ready. There is room for amendments and improvements here and there in the Shultz plan in order to make sure that all the necessary ingredients are put in the overall pot and that they are there in proper proportions as well. No one wants an over-cooked, under cooked, or deficient stew. Shultz is certainly a masterful political cook and after tasting what he had already contrived, he should be able to detect what spice or element he

# Afghan rebel front leaderless as Geneva peace talks deadlocked

By Raja Asghar

ISLAMABAD — The main guerrilla alliance fighting the Soviet-backed government in Afghanistan has suddenly become leaderless, raising a question about its credibility amid deadlock at the Geneva peace

Alliance leader Mohammad Younis Khalis resigned Saturday, citing "health problems" only a day after he persuaded another resigning party leader to rejoin the

But other guerrilla sources said the resignation at a meeting of the alliance's supreme council in Islamabad was caused by differences among the seven Westernbacked rebel parties about the future of their war-torn country.

"He has pain in the head." a spokesman for Khalis's Hezb-I-Islami party said. "So he has expressed his inability to lead the alliance in the rapidly changing No new leader was im-

mediately elected, leaving succes-

sion open to renewed squabbles which have marked the alliance's seven-year existence. Western diplomats said they

were surprised by the development, coming only three days before the Soviet-proposed date for the signing of a U.N.-mediated Afghan peace settlement in Geneva.

Moscow has offered to withdraw its estimated 115,000 troops months beginning on May 15 if Communist. Pakistan signs the settlement by March 15.

But Islamabad insists on seeing a neutral transitional government in Afghanistan before that for a safe return of about five million Afghan refugees living in Pakistan and Iran.

Pakistan is host to more than three million refugees and most of the guerrilla groups which have fought the Kabul government for nine years.

Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo was to hold the last of a series of public meetings Sunday in his eleventh-hour moves to evolve a national consensus on the Afghan issue.

Most of the opposition politi-cians he met last week advised Junejo to sign the peace accord without making the transitional government a precondition.

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But he said in a speech Thursday the issue would remain unresolved if the Afghan refugees did not return home in safety and honour. "At the same time, if the Soviet troops withdraw but the government of (President) Najibullah remains, the refugees will not return to Afghanistan."

The guerrillas, who have dissociated themselves from the U.N. peace process, have proposed their own transitional government without any share for the ruling People's Democratic in Afghanistan within nine Party (PDPA) which they say is parties which analysts describe as

An Asian diplomat, who did

not want to be quoted, said a guerrilla split would embarrass Pakistan in the face of a hard line taken by Moscow and Kabul, which have rejected the demand for a transitional government. The Soviet Union has also

turned down Pakistani and U.S. demands to cut military aid to the Afghan government if the proposed four-point U.N. peace plan is to work.

The current round of the Geneva talks, which opened on March is to resume on Monday after a two-day weekend recess. U.N. mediator Diego Cordovez has asked the Afghan and

Pakistani delegations to come up with clearer mandates as a way of breaking apparent deadlock. The original four points of the

peace plan, which has been negotiated since 1982, have almost been finalised after Kabul agreed to the main Pakistani demands about a troop withdrawal timetable. But the signing has been held

up by Pakistani insistence on a transitional government, an issue which also became the immediate cause of the latest guerrilla rift. Jabha Nijat-I-Milli party leader Sibghatullah Mojaddidi resigned from the alliance last week saying he did not agree with its interim government plan and wanted the matter to be settled by a wider

assembly). Jabha is one of three alliance

traditional loya jirga (grand

"nationalist", and Mojaddidi accused Pakistan of discriminating in distributing arms and other foreign aid for the rebels to favour the four Islamic "fundamentalist" groups.

But bowing to appeals from Khalis and his own followers, he returned to the alliance Friday, saying the leaders of the other parties and Pakistani authorities had assured him they would consider his demands.

Khalis resigned when the alliance met to discuss Mojaddidi's objections and proposal to send a delegation to Geneva to meet Cordovez, the guerrilla sources said.

"This shows the rift was only hushed up rather than patched up," an Afghan exile said. Another major source of dis-

agreement in the alliance is the exiled former King Zahir Shah who lives in Italy after being overthrown in 1974 after a 40year reign. The "nationalists" have close

ties with him and see him as a potential unifying national leader. But the "fundamentalists" accused him of being too close to the Soviet Union and fiercely oppose his return. There is no place for Zahir

Shah, "stays fundamentalist guerrilla leader Guibuddin Hekmatyar. "It is out of the question that the Afghan nation will accept a man like him."

Afghan exiles supporting the rival groups have in recent weeks held rallies in Pakistan for and agains Zahir Shah.

CALLING people holding key posts at government or private institutions can be quite an experience. I am not talking here about high ranking officials, ministers and executives who normally have very tight schedules. No. I am referring to subordinates, who are mportant" enough to have their own secretaries.

You pick up the telephone and call one of those VIPs for a matter that could be of vital importance.

"Can I help you?" the secretary asks. "Yes, I wish to meet with Mr.X"

"And may I know your name?"

"And whom do you represent. I mean who are you and does Mr. "No, he does not. I am just a citizen who wishes to discuss an

important matter with him." "Could you please leave your telephone number and we will get

back to you as soon as possible."

After sometime you realise that Mr. X is never free. Having waited in vain for a reply call, a week later you call again. The same voice tells you that her boss is in a very important meeting and suggests taking notes of what you want to discuss with the

person in question. After another exercise of futile questioning by the secretary you request at least to have a telephone conversation with Mr. X, since the matter requires orgent personal contact. But you discover that Mr. X is so busy he cannot even come to the telephone.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

## Where is madam?

AS women start taking a more active role in society, many are finding it imperative to seek help in domestic affairs at home, which has become somewhat monotonous and time consuming for the otherwise busy women.

Far from being a non-controversial issue, the final decision or this subject, however, remains, as should be, within the family

The government is making it difficult for Jordanian families to employ foreign domestic helpers, by imposing higher fees for their work permits. Here again there are supporters and opponents of

Granted that some women need domestic help and others do not, all the same, both types of women do employ house helpers. Whatever the argument for and against this may be, there is

While preparing an article on the emancipation of women, I had to interview some women over the telephone. I started dialing

"Hello, is madam there?" "No madam go 'shnghul."

The second responding to the same question:

So, I went through my list one by one and each time "No madam go......" Finally I called a housewife whom I felt would give me substantial statements about ''housewivery in Jordan,

and disadvantages," and guess what: "No madam go to the OUT."

Nermeen Murad

### Clarification

To the Editor:

IN reference to your article published 10.3.88 (Pharmacies selling expired medicine), I would like to explain the following:

First: It is no secret and no discovery that there exists medicine in pharmacies that does not carry manufacturing and expiry dates. The ministry knows about it and this is not in violation of world drug control regulations because it was imported before 1983, when it was not necessary that each medicine carry an expiry date. and this was observed in other parts of the world, where manufacturing companies did not put expiry date on each medicine but only on antibiotics.

Second: Scientific and technical committees and health authorities in several countries throughout the last ten years have cited the need for each medicine, of any kind, to carry a batch number,

and a manufacturing and expiry date. Jor : implemented this in Nov. 21, 1983, while Britain annoussed a similar action in November 1984. It was decided in Jordan that the maximum validity period allowed is five years from manufacturing date, provided that a study is presented proving validity during that period.

Countries were given five years to use all medicine (the quantities are huge) which does not carry manufacturing and expiry dates in addition to the batch number.

These five years end on Nov. 21, 1988 for drugs in Jordan, and Nov. 1989 for drugs in Britain, while in the United States, there was no limits on the consumption of these medicines in the

This means that after Nov. 21, 1988, there will be no more unmarked medicine in Jordanian pharmacies. In addition, since Nov. 21, 1983, there had been a ban on the

import or manufacturing of any medicine without batch numbers and expiry dates. Furthermore, it is compulsory that each drug invoice must mention the batch number and the manufacturing and expiry date of each drug, and samples must be taken of each medicine before allowing its circulation to make sure of the information in the invoice.

Thus, the drugs mentioned in the Jordan Times report, and there may be others, have all been imported before Nov. 21, 1983 and are subject to drug control tests at any time, whenever there is suspicion or a complaint.

Third: According to article 43 of the pharmacies law of 1972, which controls the profession and the registration and dealing in drugs in Jordan, drugs are registered in Jordan by a technical committee in accordance with the law. The committee includes three members chosen by the Pharmacists Association council: Those are the association's president or somebody he appoints, a drug agent, and a pharmacist, in addition to the president of the Jordan Medical Association or someone he appoints, plus two-members appointed by the minister. One of whom must be a doctor and the other a pharmacist.

It could coincide that the member representing the Pharmacists. Association may happen to be an owner of a drug store or an agent of a drug company.

This shows that the majority of members do not have personal interests. In addition, it is assumed that all members should have scientific integrity and complete knowledge of the field. The work of this committee is commended in Jordan and in all Arab states; many of whom copy its working methods and take into consideration its decisions and recommendations.

Fourth: It is not true that the minister of health could not be reached as I remember that he referred to me a journalist from your newspaper and I have made several attempts to contact him and leave him a message. And I believe he also contacted me at home but I was not there. In any case, from my position of respiration, I am ready to clarify arrithing related to this

libject from any critzen or journaiss.

Finally, I hope you publish this clarification in your newspaper. Thanking you for your good cooperation.

Hussam Eddin Musurar, Director of pharmacies and drug quality control

# U.N. faces limited options in U.S. row

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies)

— The United States order closing the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) mission is painful for the United Nations, but options for retaliation are

limited, officials say.

Delegates upset by the order have spoken about moving U.N. headquarters away from New York if the world body cannot be master in its own house. But virtually no one believes this is more than rhetoric.

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The U.S. Justice Department said Friday that the PLO mission. set up 13 years ago at U.N. invitation, must shut down in nine days.

Starting a new U.N. headquarters in another country is an impossible dream for an organisation deep in debt because of the nonpayment of many members' dues, including more than \$200 million in United States arrears, officials said.

Holding a General Assembly session in Geneva, the other maor U.N. headquarters, would be near impossibility because of high costs and lack of facilities, Under-Secretary General Joseph Verner Reed, the official in charge of assembly affairs, told reporters Saturday.

Officials said that, as a gesture, a special session of the General Assembly on disarmament due to open in New York in late May

might be transferred to Geneva. Reed said this idea was feasible, but several sources said it was not a popular option for many members, including Arab

#### 'Dead letter'

Meanwhile, the 1987 headquarters agreement between the United States and the United Nations that established the New York headquarters could become a dead letter if the United States will not abide by its obligations, officials said.

Asked about the status of the accord now, Reed made the motion of tearing up and throwing away a sheet of paper and remarked to reporters: "In the trash can.

March 21 is the deadline set by the United States "anti-terrorsence in New York would be unlawful.

"To that end," he told mission chief Zehdi Labib Terzi, "please be advised that, should you fail to comply with the requirements of the act, the Department of Justice will forthwith take action in United States federall court to

ensure your compliance. Terzi has said repeatedly that the PLO would not seek redress in American courts. An advisory opinion by the World Court on the applicability of binding arbitration provided in the headquarters agreement for settling disputes could take weeks.

In a letter to Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar Friday, U.S. delegate Herbert Okun affirmed the Justice Department decision that arbitration would

not be useful. U.N. authorities are said to be considering whether it would be practical to accommodate Terzi and his small staff within the headquarters complex, which is considered to be international territory and immune from

Reed said it was a serious possibility, but other officials said they hoped that court injunctions might restrain closure for weeks or months, thus permitting other options to be considered.

#### Israeli 'blackmail'

In Amman, a senior PLO official strongly criticised Saturday the U.S. decision to close down the PLO mission and said the move proved Washington was bowing to Israeli "blackmail."

Khalil Wazir, deputy commander of the PLO, said: "This is a proof that the American administration is being blackmailed by Israel," Wazir said Sunday.

He said the decision indicated Washington was not sincere "in claiming (that it wants) to solve our problems and end our (Mideast) disputes."

In Beirut, another PLO leader called on Arab countries to shut local offices of U.S. media in retaliation for Washington's decision to close the PLO mission.

Nayef Hawatmeh, leader of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, said in a statement: 'In the name of our Palestiism" act for closing the PLO mian people we condemn this mission and Attorney General decision and call on Arab states Edwin Meese said in a letter to close U.S. media offices in Friday that on that date its pretaliation to Washington's deci-

# Truce in 'war of the cities' may revive U.N.efforts for peace in Gulf

By Philip Shehadi

KUWAIT — The truce in Iran and Iraq's deadly war of the cities could revive U.N. efforts to end the wider Gulf conflict, according to diplomats. Hundreds of civilians were killed or wounded in two weeks of tit-for-tat missile strikes that jolted the conflict back into the world headlines but sidetracked a U.N. Security Council attempt to

Before the truce took hold Friday, Iraq - by its own count — fired 68 missiles at Tehran, Esfahan and the holy city of Qom while its bombers pounded other cities. Iran launched at least 30 missiles at Baghdad and

the northern city of Mosul and carried out air and artillery attacks on other civilian centres. "Two weeks have been lost but we're back on

the rails now for a follow-up resolution to 598," a Western diplomat said, referring to last July's U.N. Resolution 598 that calls for a total ceasefire in the 71/2-year-old war.

During the "war of the cities" which started Feb. 27, Iraq said it wanted to force Iran to accept the

Baghdad may also have been seeking to focus international attention on the conflict and push the Security Council into a long-debated arms embargo against Iran, which vows not to stop fighting till

Iraq is branded "the aggressor."

But diplomats said the attempt backfired when the Soviet Union sought separate Security Council action to end the missile war.

"The Iraqis realised that bombarding Tehran was doing them no good at all at the United Nations," a diplomat said, "The Soviet initiative distracted the council from the Iran arms embargo, which is exactly the opposite of what they

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some lawmakers have criticised a group

of congressional aides for meet-

ing with Palestine Liberation

Organisation (PLO) Chairman

Yasser Arafat in January, just

weeks after Congress voted to

close PLO offices in the United

The secret, two-hour meeting,

which took place in Baghdad,

became publicly known last

week. It was arranged by the National Council on U.S.-Arab

Relations, the group that paid for the congressional aides' trip to

and the aides, was held shortly

shutting down two PLO offices in

the United States on the grounds

Palestinian public sector workers

in the occupied areas who receive

salaries from Israel.

Iraq Jan. 11-19.

Iraq bitterly attacked the Soviet move, which

was praised by Iran. The Soviets have often argued that Iran should be given more time to accept 598, although Britain and the United States have in recent weeks

claimed Soviet backing for an embargo.
"The war of the cities intensified international interest in the war, but in the wrong way," said the diplomat. "The Iraqis may have decided it was counter-productive.

But Iraq had the satisfaction of firing the last shot, one of five conditions for ending the truce. Iran said it would not retaliate for an Iraqi missile fired only minutes before Friday's 1300 GMT

#### Balance of power

And Iraq showed its own people and the world that, after previous setbacks on the battlefield, it can set the terms of engagement and trounce Iran

in firepower, diplomats said. "Iraq has illustrated the present balance of power between the two belligerents by showing its advantage in air strength and weaponry and controlling when and where the fighting takes place," a senior Western diplomat said.

In the past two winters there were major Iranian ground offensives. But this year's long-awaited attack has yet to start amid reports Iran has had trouble mobilising enough men.

Diplomats said Washington and London would continue seeking backing in the Security Council for an arms embargo.

But they said Moscow may be more concerned now with the conflict in Afghanistan, where Iranian-backed rebels could derail a proposed political settlement and Soviet troop withdrawal.

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Democrat, said his assistant "was

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East, said seeing Arafat was "ex-

tremely unwise when as a matter

of law American officials are not

PLO... I wouldn't do it."

apposed to negotiate with the

U.S. policy — set by Congress – prohibits officials in the execu-

tive branch from negotiating with Arafat or members of the PLO

until the group recognises Israel.

Congress, and a few lawmakers,

as well as members of their staff,

have met openly with Arafat. Ronald Cathell, the executive

director of U.S.-Arab council,

said he would not release the

members who attended the Ara-

fat meeting or travelled to Iraq.

He said he feared they would be

subjected to reprisals for going to

the meeting.

The council, which seeks to

promote understanding between

Americans and Arabs, receives

its money from grants and private

Cathell said the original agenda

did not include seeing Arafat.

But when the group arrived in Baghdad, the council learned the

PLO leader was in town and

broached the possibility of a

meeting with the congressional

Torricelli complained the U.S.

embassy in Baghdad failed to

advise his aide about U.S. policy

prohibiting official negotiations with the PLO. Cathell said the

embassy simply told the group its

own people couldn't attend the meeting because of U.S. policy.

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# **GCC** reviews effort to end war

BAHRAIN (R) — Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal, visiting Bahrain Sunday, reviewed efforts by the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) to end the Iran-Iraq war.

Prince Saud, whose country currently chairs the six-member GCC, saw the emir, Sheikh Isa Ibn Salman Al Khalifa and briefed him on the kingdom's contacts with world powers aimed at ending the 71/2-year-old con-

Saudi Arabia has been in touch with the Soviet Union, the United States and other U.N. Security Council members on ways of enforcing the council's Resolution 598 which called for an immediate ceasefire.

Prince Saud late flew on to Qatar. He has already visited Oman and is expected to go to Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates ahead of a foreign ministers meeting in Riyadh Tuesday of the economic and defence alliance.

The GCC generally supports lrag in the war but some members have strong ties with Tehran and are in favour of a dialogue with the Iranians. Diplomats say that Saudi Ara-

bia and Kuwait, on the other hand, want sanctions imposed on Iran to force it to accept last July's resolution.

Egypt-Libya rift KHARTOUM (R) — Sudanese head of state Ahmad Ali Al Mirghani flew to Libya Sunday carrying what he called comprehensive proposals to improve relations between Egypt and Libya, arch rivals for more

move to mediate

Sudan begins

The independent Al Ayam daily quoted Mirghani as saying he discussed the proposals with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak during his one-day visit to

Khartoum 12 days ago. A spokesman for the presidential palace confirmed the report but gave no further details. However details of Mirghani's proposals were revealed Saturday

n an article published by Al Adwa newspaper. It said Mirghani would propose to Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi that both countries halt

media attacks on each other, refrain from meddling in each other's affairs and pull back troops from border areas. The article said a later phase of

the plan provides for Egypt and Libya to restore diplomatic relations and resume trade. Mirghani, who heads the five-

man Supreme Council acting as Sudan's joint presidency, is a member of the pro-Egyptian Democratic Unionist Party The DUP is junior partner in

the coalition government of Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi, whose Umma Party maintains close ties with Libya.

Egypt, which fought a brief border war with Libya in 1977, has reacted suspiciously to past mediation attempts, largely because of Cairo's belief that Tripoli was behind several sabotage operations in Egypt.

Qadhafi said in an interview

oublished Sunday in Cairo he was not interested in a repprochement with Egypt.

"We do not want to have any relations with Egypt," he told the weekly Sawt Al Arab. "You consider us non-existent on the map

and we consider you the same. Thank God we have the great desert ... to separate us."

Sudan's relations with Libya and Egypt have been at the centre of foreign policy differences between the DUP and Umma., Recent reports of the presence in Western Sudan of Libyan-backed forces involved in the Chad conflict deepened their differences. At least 10,000 people, led by legislators from the DUP and the

opposition National Islamic Front, defied a government ban and marched in Khartoum Saturday to press demands for decisive government action to clear western Sudan of foreign military contingents.

Al Umma, daily organ of the Umma Party said Sunday the Interior Ministry and Khartoum's commissioner's office ignored a cabinet decision to ban the march and allowed it to take place.

Both Interior Minister Sidahmad Al Hussein and Khartoum Commissioner Karam Mohammed Karam are leading DUP members.

#### Qadhafi lifts travel ban

According to the Libyan news agency JANA Qadhafi Saturday publicly tore up lists of people banned from travelling outside Libya and returned seized passports to their owners.

"Libya is the land of freedom. There should not be a person imprisoned or another banned from travelling," he told crowds outside the Tripoli passport office.

Qadhafi said travel bans were shameful because they violated human rights, reported JANA.

# Continued from page one

# Israel cuts off fuel supply to West Bank

(Continued from page 1) the same service. The government may offer wage increases to attract new recruits and keep earned about \$500 a month, veteran police, he said.

Resigned police officers wear-ing civilian clothes could be seen leaving a district headquarters building in Bethlehem after making their resignations official. Israel made last-minute efforts

to retain the police but offers of big pay rises, life insurance and offers to be licensed to carry personal weapons were turned down, reports said.

Dozens of Palestinian tax collectors also have resigned, and Palestinians have been called on to stop paying taxes.
But a senior Israeli official said tax receipts were down only ab-

February. The taxes are used to fund the \$239.3 million annual Israel Radio said the Palesti-

offered wage parily with their Israeli Jewish colleagues. One policeman said he had only roughly two-thirds of an Israeli

police salary.

Many Palestinian nationalists supported the move and said that former police would get backing from their communities.

"This is the first time I feel the policeman is a Palestinian, a human being," said a Palestinian journalist after the resignations. The elected mayor of Beth-

lehem, Elias Freij, told Reuters the move could backfire as security and judicial systems break down. But he added that Israel would also suffer.

"It's going to be like a snowball
— it will grow and it will drag
(everything) with it," he said.
"An avalanche begins small and out 10 per cent for January and gets stronger and stronger."

Arab spokesmen said they be-Israel Radio said the Palesti-nian policemen were belatedly would follow among the 20,000 In the Gaza Strip, relief workers said 53 Palestinians were treated for beatings, rubber bullet wounds and tear-gas inhalation at a U.N. health centre in Jabalya refugee camp after clashes there

Protests were reported elsesaid. "Last week, we had three where. Palestinians said Jewish settlers opened fire on an Arab car near Nablus Saturday night. Witnesses said an Israeli driver Strip was more than 100." and passenger escaped injury when a petrol bomb was hurled at their bus, setting it ablaze near

resigned Sunday.

collectors last week and seemed likely to severely hamper tax col-

for Israel, repeated his opposition Sunday but stressed the disagreement with Israel's most important ally was "no more than an argument between friends."

propose... (my own) ideas and it propose... (my own) ideas and it is possible they (U.S. officials) will see something they will be able to bring before the Arabs."

The U.S. proposal calls for taking two steps this year: Enacting Palestinian "self-rule" in the West Bank and Gaza and starting talks on the final status of the

talks on the final status of the occupied territories. Those negotiations would be kicked off by an international conference.

dule to start negotiations, said

with U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz Monday and will meet with Reagan Wednesday, officials said.

Labour Party legislator and former U.N. Ambassador Abba Eban also left for the United States Sunday, saying he hoped officials that the prime minister

successive days with over 30 injured. On two days, the injury toll for all the camps in the Gaza Palestinian sources reported that all 25 Palestinian employees

"The figure is not unusual," a

sookeswoman for the U.N. Relief

and Works Agency (UNRWA)

American lawmakers unhappy over

aides' meeting with PLO chairman

they represented a "terrorist"

wrong," said Congressman Larry

Smith, a Democrat. "He (Arafat)

is not going to change his posi-

fer meets with him."

ing with Arafat.

The meeting, described as an and I remain very disturbed abopen exchange between Arafat out it." The staffer no longer

after Congress passed legislation - personal reasons unrelated to the

meeting.

tions because a Capitol Hill staf-

Representative Robert G. Tor-

ricelli, also a Democrat, said he

was upset when he learned an

aide attended the Baghdad meet-

I had no knowledge of this meet-

ing nor would I have approved it,

works for Torricelli, but left for

But another lawmaker was un-

"She acted independently, and

It was very foolish, very

of the department that collects Israeli value added tax in Gaza

The move followed the mass resignation of 48 Gaza income tax

government. The other half, he said, would like to see Israeli

that refuses every chance for peace," Labour legislator Rafi Edri said on the radio. "Shamir doesn't want to hear that a few billion other people live in this world and he doesn't live alone. But the time has arrived for him

bi said: "The rejection of the U.S. peace initiative could be a historic blunder that weakens Israel and turns it into a nondemocratic bi-national state, isolated in the world."

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# King meets Finnish delegation

(Continued from page 1) through an international conference with the participation of all concerned parties.

Rifai said the Palestinian upris-ing in the occupied West Bank and Gaza "is in reality a popular revolt against the Israeli occupation and the Palestinians are seeking an end to occupation and showing their determination to achieve self-determination and national rights."

The 43-member Finnish delegation represents the Finnish Pasikivi Council which deals with international political affairs. It arrived in Amman Saturday on a week-long visit. The delegation members are

due to meet Monday with Cabinet ministers to discuss the Middle East situation, the Finnish embassy said. Rifai told the delegation that the Palestinian uprising was a "natural reaction to continued Israeli oppression and an express-

ion of rejection of the occupation

and is directed against Israel's intransigence towards a peaceful settlement." Rifai echoed a statement by better understand the Arab King Hussein to European Com- causes.

munity (EC) foreign ministers meeting that the Israeli army's practice breaking Palestinian people's bones and other similar atrocities can never break the will and determination of the Palestinian people.

Jordan, Rifai said, is carefully studying the latest U.S. peace proposal and is holding consulta-tions and contacts with other Arab parties to achieve a unified Arab stand that can help achieve a just and durable settlement.

The prime minister also re-viewed with the delegation Jordan's strong ties with Finland. He noted that King Hussein visited Finland recently. Rifai paid tribute to Finland's support for just Arab causes. Rifai said Jordan continues to

call for implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 598 on the fran-fraq war and supports Irag's efforts to achieve peace.

The leader of the visiting delegation voiced Finland's appreciation of the King's policies and said His Majesty's visit to Finland had helped the Finnish people

#### Shamir heads for Washington (Continued from page 1)

represents only half the Israeli

"What was proposed isn't necessarily what is most important and helpful in our eyes," Shamir said on the radio. "I will

For his part, Shamir will suggest implementing Arab "self-rule" in the occupied territories on a step-by-step basis, holding peace talks under Soviet-American auspices instead of an international peace conference and using a more flexible time sche-

Shamir aide Yossi Ahimeir. Shamir is scheduled to meet

involvement in the peace plan. "We can't appear as a country

to return to reality."
Economy Minister Gad Yaaco-

In an interview with the Washington Post and the Los Angeles Times published on the eve of his arrival in Washington, Shamir played down his differences with U.S. officials and American Jewish leaders as a misunderstanding among friends, and I think it's not difficult to settle this misunder-

standing."
Shamir expressed confidence that U.S.-Israeli relations would not be damaged even if he failed to reach agreement with the Reagan administration.

Meanwhile Syria and the U.S. Congress also have dealt separate blows to Washington's Middle East peacemaking ambitions, to make it clear to American according to diplomats in the

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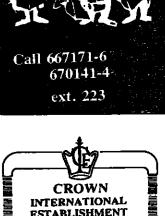
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# Arab countries to discuss energy cooperation today

KUWAIT (R) — Looming oil shortages in poorer Arab states and a sharp drop in income among wealthier countries due to falling oil prices top concerns at Monday's Arab energy conference in Baghdad.

The Arab World collectively owns more than half the world's known crude oil reserves and boasts several of the world's biggest oil exporters.

But some Arab states such as Morocco and Sudan must import petrol and other oil products at great cost and others may have to do so soon.

'It is imperative that efforts be directed toward enhancing coordination between the Arab countries," said the March bulletin of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC), one of several pan-Arab groups that organised the conference.

OAPEC says total Arab refining capacity totalled 274 million tonnes per year in 1987, more than enough to meet total demand for refined products of some 180 million tonnes.

But the refineries are on average only three-quarters used, and many poorer Arab states must

The focus of the main refineries is to export to foreign markets," OAPEC Acting Secretary General Abdul Aziz Al Wattari said last week. "This picture must be altered through creation of a Common Arab Market.

Papers at the conference will examine ways to distribute refined products and gas to havenot states, improve refinery utilisation and boost output of lighter products such as petrol and

The conference will also examine alternatives such as solar and nuclear energy which Wattari said are essential if the Arabs are to meet energy demand in the next century.

OAPEC says Arab demand for refined products will grow at an average of five per cent annually through the year 2000 when it will almost double to 339 million

By that time, experts warn, some of the smaller oil producers like Egypt will no longer be able to meet home demand.

Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Libya all have nuclear power programmes under study, the last three with Soviet help. But Wattari told reporters development of an Arab nuclear power industry faced determined resistance from Israel and the West.

He also said the Arabs must rationalise energy consumption and cut subsidies that encourage

Noting conservation efforts in

Arab World should be no less

necessity."
The oil ministers of Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Algeria — all members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) - are scheduled to speak and officials said Kuwait's Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Sabah would lead a roundtable discussion on the world oil market.

concerned with managing de-

mand. For some it has become a

OPEC succeeded in pinning world oil prices at around \$18 a barrel for most of 1987 through production restraint after a 1986 collapse in the market.

But since the beginning of 1988 oil prices have slumped by up to \$4 a barrel and some OPEC states have called for an emergency meeting of its price committee.

Low prices and the instability of markets have slashed Arab oil revenues from \$200 billion in 1980 to \$50 billion in recent vears," OAPEC says. "This has had a devastating impact on development."

OAPEC officials expect informal consultations between the Arab oil ministers. But most of them oppose any immediate OPEC action to shore up the market, believing that oil prices will firm on their own in the coming months, analysts say.

Previous Arab energy conferences were held in Abu Dhabi in 1979, Doha in 1982 and Algiers in

# CBJ relaxes interest curbs on bonds

AMMAN (J.T.) — Holders of development bonds issued by the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) are now entitled to part of the interest on their bonds when, and if, investors sell the bonds before their date of maturity, according to a CBJ official quoted by Al

Ra'i Arabic newspaper.

It said that the measure, adopted for the first time in the country, allows the holders to partial interest in accordance with a CBJ official price index on financial securities which appears in the daily Arabic press.

Previously, beneficiaries who wanted to sell their bonds before maturity date risked losing all interest on them.

Under the old arrangement, beneficiaries can claim the total amount of interest on their bonds only two weeks before their

CBJ Deputy Governor Maher Shukri said in a lecture Saturday that work was underway for amending the public debt law so' that it can cope with developments in operations involving government securities traded on the secondary market.

Shukri who was addressing a seminar said that recent CBJ measures aim to promote operations

AMMAN (Petra) — Industry,

Trade and Supply Minister Ham-

di Tabbaa Sunday issued the fol-

lowing new regulations to orga-

1- Sale and distribution of raw

salt for industrial companies will

be confined to the Al Azraq

Cooperative Society (ACS) in

accordance with the ministry's

regulations and specifications;

nise salt commercial trading.



Central Bank of Jordan Deputy Governor Maher Shukri (centre) Saturday delivers a lecture on newly introduced measures to develop trading in government financial instruments.

at the Amman Financial Market and open new investment and financing opportunities.

Opening new financial channels in the market and increasing the volume of trading in shares and securities is bound to activate the demand and supply process, Shukri said.

This, he added, calls for more efforts to channel savings towards fruitful investments in the

Ministry regularises salt trading

Salt Company at the rate of JD 15

3- Raw salt will be sold by ACS

to Jordanian industrial firms at

4 The ACS and the Arab Salt

Company will sell refined salt to

bakeries in Jordan at the rate of

JD 30 per tonne in packets of 25

5- Refined table salt will be

sold to food processing com-

panies, except bakeries, at the

kilogrammes each;

Belgian diamond trade sparkles in '87

the rate of JD 16 per tonne;

per tonne;

The development of the secon-dary market, Shukri noted, will no doubt encourage the CBJ to opt for an open market that would further serve the national

In his lecture, Shukri confirmed that all banks in Jordan are not required any more to allocate a certain margin of their deposits for purchasing securities and government bills.

6- Mills in the Kingdom will

only deal with selling and distri-buting refined salt bought from the ACS and the Arab Salt Com-

pany. No mill will be allowed to

engage in raw salt dealings.
7- Table salt is to be sold to

consumers in plastic bags each

containing one kilogramme at the

rate of 150 fils each and in plastic

containers of 700 grammes, at 160

The new regulations go into

fils each.

#### and 29,500 shares respectively. Shares of only 44 companies changed hands Sunday but the share prices of Arab Bank, Bank of Jordan, Jordan French Insurance and National Steel Industries recorded fractuations

above the 50 fils range. Trading at the parallel market covered 18,620 shares costing JD

AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

AMMAN (J.T.) — Sunday's trading reversed the momentum

which cheered many investors Saturday as only 273,127 shares

changed hands for a volume of JD 350,262 covered by 395

contracts. Shares of Jordan Lime and Silicate Brick Industries

accounted for about 40 per cent of the total number of shares

traded but, due to the low price of the share, the volume was only

In terms of volume, National Steel Industries accounted for

nearly 33 per cent of the total. The other two companies which

recorded a volume above ID 20,000 were Arab Bank and Intermediate Petrochemical Industries which involved 210 shares

638 development bonds exchanged hands for JD 6,957.

## **Housing Corporation loses**

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Housing Corporation posted a loss of JD 500,000 last year as its revenues amounted to JD 8.781 million while its total expenses reached JD 9.281 million. This year, the corporation's revenues are expected to reach JD 10.49 million and negotiations are underway to obtain a JD 5.49 million loan from the Social Security Corporation (SSC), according to Al Dustour Arabic

The loan is needed to finance the Zarqa Batrawi-housing estate, work on which is expected to start in the coming month:

Sources said individuals who obtained loans from the corporation are abiding by their commitments through monthly payments. However, the corporation has complained that government departments which obtained loans to set up housing units for their employees in rural and remote regions, as well as urban centres, are -. not fulfilling their commitments despite the fact that there are specific government instructions requiring all concerned departments to allocate funds from their budgets for paying their dues.

# **Jordan French Insurance** may give 51% dividends

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordan French Insurance Company (JFIC) is expected to distribute dividends to its shareholders at the rate of 51.7 per cent, up from 50 per cent last year, according to a report in Sawt Al Shaab Arabic newspaper. It said that the announcement will be made at a general assembly meeting to be held on March 24.

The company was reported to have posted a JD 517,000 net profit based on total volume of premium earnings amounting to JD 4.5 million. The newspaper reported that the company plans to open a life insurance branch during 1988 in cooperation with the American Lincoln National insurance company which earlier acquired shares in the JFIC capital. Accordingly, American, Arab, French and Jordamian representatives will be on the JFIC board of directors.

# **Jordan National Bank announces**

15% dividend distribution rate

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordan National Bank announced that it will distribute dividends to its shareholders at the rate of 15 per cent. The

bank last year made a net profit of JD 1,992,536 against JD 1,989,384 in 1986, when dividends were also distributed at the rate of 15 per

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# Saudi British Bank posts 1987 loss after raising loan reserves

RIYADH (R) — Saudi British Bani: Sunday reported a 1987 loss of 4.4 million rivals (\$1.2 million) after boosting provisions against pad and doubtful loans.

Saudi British, the sixth of nine joint-venture banks in the kingdom to report 1987 figures and the first to record a loss for the year, said it set aside 42.7 billion rivals (\$11.4 million) in loan loss

The Riyadh-based bank said. the new reserves increased total coverage to 10.5 per cent of

provisions.

with 8.2 per cent in 1986 and 6.1 per cent in 1985.

Saudi British had reported 1986 net profit of 8.6 million rivals (\$2.3 million) and bankers said it had spent the last year consolidating its position and cutting overheads.

"While the bank reduced its level of advances, which reflected the overall market trend, it took advantage of this period of consolidation to further restructure its credit management systems

outstanding advances compared kingdom-wide," it said in a state-

Saudi British, like most banks operating in the kingdom, had been hit by non-performing loans to local private companies following the decline in oil prices in the 1980s. It said it had stepped up loan monitoring and recovery measures during 1987.

> The bank said it had succeeded in reducing expenses in the year by 12.9 per cent despite expansion of its branch network. The number of staff fell to 962 from 1.147 at the end of 1986.

2- Raw salt produced by the Arab Potash Company (APC) will be sold to ACS and the Arab rate of JD 65 per tonne:

ANTWERP (R) — Belgium's diamond trade sparkled in 1987, with sales unaffected by the crash on world stock markets in October.

The Antwerp-based Diamond High Council said in its annual report that turnover rose in value last year by 21.5 per cent to \$9.5 billion.

The share crash had no effect on trade, with sales of finished stones to the United States - the world's largest polished diamond importer - buoyant at Christ-

mas, Mark Van Den Abeelen, the council's director general, told a news conference. Trade was expected to grow at

the same rate in 1988 thanks to a surge in demand on the back of a world economic revival, Walter Baert, the council's spokesman, told Reuters. Antwerp was also set to main-

tain its position as the world's leading diamond trade centre, he added. In 1987, Antwerp accounted for 85 per cent of world trade in rough diamonds and over 50 per cent of trade and

manufacturing in polished stones. Diamond sales last year Belgium's exports and two per cent of its gross national product a key measure of a country's economic activity.

Imports of the gems rose 20.7 per cent in 1987 to \$4.2 billion. Exports grew 26.4 per cent to

But Belgium's diamond industry, which specialises in polishing and cutting rough diamonds, was hit by competition from countries with lower labour costs.

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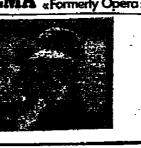
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# Chesnokov upsets Mecir for Orlando title

ORLANDO, Florida (Agencies) - Andrei Chesnokov became the first Soviet to win a men's professional tennis tournament in the United States since 1974 when he beat Miloslav Mecir 7-6 (8-6), 6-1 in Saturday's finals of the Du Pont Classic.

"(This is) big success for me," said Chesnokov, unseeded and ranked 29th in the world. "I'm so happy. I can't believe I win such big tournament."

big tournament."

Chesnokov pocketed \$59,000 of the \$415,000 purse.

Mecir, the only seeded player to reach the semifinals in the 32-man field, netted a backhand when he led 5-4, 40-30 in the first set. The Czechoslovakian wasted two more set points on unforced errors in the tiebreaker.

"I couldn't finish the games," said Mecir, seeded second and ranked No. 7. "Andrei played well He didn't miss many balls."

Chesnokov came up with a service winner to lead the tiebreaker 7-6. Mecir then hit a forehand wide to give Chesnokov the first set.

Chesnokov raced to 5-0 lead in the second set. On match point, Mecir netted a difficult return of a drop shot. The Soviet cele-brated by thrusting both arms 7-5 in a gruelling baseline duel. a drop shot. The Soviet cele-

"Every victory is very important, not just for me (but) also for Russian tennis," Chesnokov said. His victory was the first by a Soviet in a U.S. men's professional tourney since August 1974, when Alex Metreveli won the

Eastern Open in New Jersey.

Excluding exhibitions, the meeting was the second between Mecir and Chesnokov. Mecir won a five-set battle from Ches-nokov in the 1983 Davis Cup. Top-seeded Yannick Noah and Guy Forget of France won the Du Pont doubles title by beating Sherwood Stewart of the United

> Sabatini to meet Graf

States and Australian Kim War-

wick 6-4, 6-4.

In Boca Raton, Fiorida, Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina beat Chris Evert for the first time Saturday to earn a meeting with top seed Steffi Graf in the final of the \$300,000 Florida Women's Tennis Tournament.

Graf fought off a match point to defeat third-seeded Pam Shriver of the United States 6-4, 4-6. 7-6 and fourth-seeded Sabatini

**GOREN BRIDGE** 

BY CHARLES GOREN ♣ 1987 Tribuna Madas Services, Inc.

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1 - Both vulnerable, as South you **★93** The bidding has proceeded: South West North East I Dbi

What do you bid now? A. - One thing is sure the opponents have a good majorsult fit somewhere. We would opt for five diamonds as a twoway action. There is a chance that partner might make it: but if he doesn't, it will surely be a cheap sacrifice against a probable епету дате.

Q.2 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold: ±83 ♥AJ762 ↓8643 ±J2 The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 4 2 4 Pass Pass

Pass What do you bid now? A. - The answer depends on your methods. If you are using negative doubles, two hearts is sufficient because parmer might have a minimum opening bid and is simply protecting your possible penalty double. If you are not, partner must have a good hand, so you should show that you have reasonable values by jumping to three hearts.

Q.3 - As South, vulnerable, you **±J76** ♥9 ♦ AKJ72 **±**AKJ10 The bidding has proceeded: North East South West 1 0 1 2 7 1 🛊

What do you bid now? A. - Slam depends almost entirely on what partner holds in spades. Since you know where you are going to play the hand, you can now af-ford to jump shift to three clubs now. Assuming partner doesn't cuebid spades at his next turn, you should then jump to five diamonds. Your failure to cuebid spades indisuit, so partner can't push on to slam unless he has first or secondround control. Q.4 - East West vulnerable, as

South you hold: ★K98 ↑7 1107632 ♦632 The bidding has proceeded: North East South West 3 & Pass ? What action do you take?

A. - Matters are serious. The opponents can make a lot of tricks at a heart contract. To make it more difficult for them to get into the auction we suggest you make an advance sacrifice of four spades. A raise to five spades might prove more effective, but could propel the opposition into a makable slam they might not normally bid.

Q.5-As South, vulnerable, you **47 7854 ≎AKQ1093 +AQJ** The bidding has proceeded: South West North East

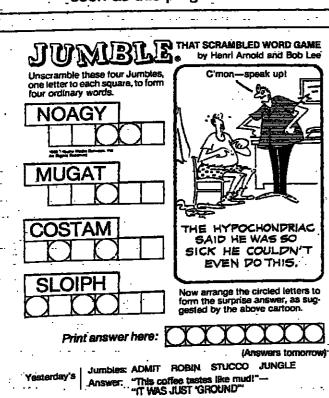
What do you bid now? A. - You have to decide between rebidding those magnificent diamonds or showing your excellent support for partner's suit. We think you should jump to three diamonds. Since partner has made a twooverone response, this creates a game-force, giving you the opportunity to show your club support at your next

Q.6 - Both vulnerable, as South you

±83 ♥AJ72 ♦ Q83 ±A762
Parmer opens the bidding with one heart. What do you respond? A. - If you are playing limit raises, this hand qualifies as maximum for that action. If you are playing forcing jump raises, we think you are a whisker light for that, so we recommend a temporizing bid of two clubs, to be followed by a heart raise



"The house is on fire? I'll be out as soon as this program is over!"



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It was the 17-year-old Argenti-na's first victory over the 33-yearold American in six career meet-

Graf, ranked first in the world. saved match point at 30-40 on her serve in the tenth game of the third set with a volley winner. Shriver had held off nine break points to keep the third set on serve into the tiebreak.

Graf jumped out to a 3-1 lead in the tiebreak, but Shriver, attacking relentlessly, battled back to lead 4-3. The 18-year-old West German then hit three forehand winners to go up 6-4 and eventually closed out the match on her second match point with a winning volley.

Graf, who recovered from a 2-4 deficit to win the first set, said she did not play her best tennis but played aggressively when it mat-

risk and came to the net. It gave me confidence being aggressive today, because I didn't play my best. But even though it wasn't my best, I won," said Graf, who has lost only two matches in the last 15 months.

Sabatini, fifth in the world. breezed through her first set with Evert, losing just eight points in the 23-minute set.

She pinned the third-ranked American to the baseline with heavy topspin groundstrokes and forced Evert to hit defensive sliced shots instead of her normal driving shots.

Evert appeared to take com-mand early in the second set by breaking Sabatini in the first game, after six deuces, and then holding her serve at love for a 2-0 lead. However, Sabatini broke back in the fourth game and broke again in the 12th game to "On the match point, I took a win the match.

## Campbell races to victory

WOLVERHAMPTON, England (R) — World Indoor champion Tonie Campbell just beat world annual Men's Indoor Athletics Match against England Saturday.

Campbell recorded a time of 7.60 seconds, one hundredth of a second ahead of his great rival. In a second 60-metre hurdles which was not part of the match. Foster gained a measure of revenge by beating Campbell into second

Campbell's performance helped his country to a narrow 76-74 points win over England, victory coming only when the United States won the last race of the day, the 4x400 metres relay. The 5,000 crowd had suffered

an earlier disappointment when Olympic champion Sebastian Coe was heavily defeated by British teammate Adrian Passey who won the 3,000 metres by almost eight seconds.

Coe, aiming for a third successive Olympic 1,500 metres title in

Seoul later this year, was in contention for half the race, but his lack of sharpness showed clearly high hurdles gold medallist Greg as Passey gradually eased away in Foster in the 60-metre hurdles for the closing stages to win in seven Foster in the 60-metre hurdles for an impressive U.S. success in the minutes 57.84 seconds.

> "I just felt I didn't have a lot of zip or sparkle today," said Coe, who finished second.

#### Chmara wins pole vault

In Grenoble, France, Miroslav Chmara of Poland won the second Masters Pole Vault Saturday night with a personal; best of 5.80 metres, although France's Philippe Collet cleared the same

Chmara was awarded first place because he had less

Kory Tarpenning of the United States was third with a leap of 5.75 metres.

Americans Earl Bell and Scott Davis were next with jumps of 5.70 and 5.65 metres, respec-

FORECAST FOR MONDAY, MARCH 14, 1988

# YOUR HOROSCOPE

GENERAL TENDENCIES: This is a time when you will desire a change of scenery, some new faces and new activities, but if you give in to this desire, there will be unfortunate results. Stick to your usual

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Don't ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Don't attempt to pressure others into adopting your point of view. Work on improving existing friendships instead of finding new ones.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
Avoid a person in a position of authority who is in a foul mood and

booking for a whitping boy. Don't be arrogant with anyone today. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) A seemingly profitable venture may have some rather bad aspects con-

nected to it, so examine the details carefully before you act.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Make sure you have not overlooked an important bill, or you

will end up paying twice. Don't provoke a silly quarrel with your mate. LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) You may

be displeased with a business associate, but don't vent your anger on this person. Try to solve any problems in a cabn, sane manner. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Although you are under a lot of pressure and feel like running off to some recreation, stick to your work and muddle through. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Wholesome and simple pleasures are best for you right now, and also bester for your budget. Be more

understanding of your mate. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Avoid getting into an argument at home today, or it could mushroom into something more serious. Maintain your self-control.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Dec. 11 by the serious for the serious of the serious se

21) Don't let your temper flare up while speaking to a stubborn business associate. Be very careful on the roads this evening. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)

CAPRICURN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 28)
You may be disgusted with your
present situation, but don't get
angry and take it out on others.
This is not a good day for visiting.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)
You can get out of a ridiculous
promise you have made if you handle it in a forthright manner. Avoid
matting into any accomments.

getting into any arguments.
PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) A
close friend may be very demanding

today, so use tact and avoid an un-fortunate incident. Avoid any

## Bin Sulayem eyes on Kuwait rally

AMMAN (J.T.) — Middle East Rally champion Mohammad Bin Sulayem currently preparing for Round 2 of this year's championship, is set to capitalise on his lead over Qatar's Saeed Al Hairi in last month's round and push for a win in Kuwait's International Rally March 17 and 18.

A complete rebuild, essential after an unscheduled meeting with a pile of rocks early on the Friday morning of the Qatar event, has been completed on Bin Sulayem's Marlboro-BP backed Toyota Celica Turbo, and according to the Dubai rally star, the car is now better than ever.'

Having had a second outing with his new co-driver, Ronan Morgan, on Dubai's gruelling Masafi 4 wheel-drive rally last month, the team are even more sure of their ability to take the rough with the smooth. And it's sure of themselves they'll have to be. Kuwait's International is traditionally a rough and fast event, and with arch-rival Al Hajri now piloting an extremely powerful Audio Quattro, both Sulayem and Morgan know that they'll have to pull out all the stops to keep the Toyota ahead. However, Al Hajri, under

pressure now to pick up the points will be pushing the Audi to its limits. The second round of the Middle East Rally Championship is shaping up to be as exciting an event as the first.

# Ferrari dominates week-long tyre tests

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) - The Ferrari team dominated the week tyre tests at Rio's 5.031 kilometre race track in advance of the Brazilian Grand Prix, opening event of the Formula One season to be held here on April 3.

On Saturday's last day of tests no one beat the week's pace-setting time of one minute 28.05 seconds, established Thursday by Ferrari's Austrian driver Gerhard

Berger.
"The Ferraris are favourites to win in Rio. Their cars are ready," said former world champion Frenchman Alain Prost,

# Napoli escapes with disappointing draw

ROME (R) — Argentine World Cup captain Diego Maradona worked with feverish enthusiasm to help Italian champions Napoli avoid a third successive defeat as they secured a disappointing 0-0 draw at Empoli Sunday.

After two home defeats in five days last week, Napoli ended their brief slide with a tenacious performance to stay four points clear of nearest rivals AC Milan at the top.

Milan, who failed to take advantage of Napoli's defeat by Roma last week, missed another opportunity to close the gap and had to come from behind at Torino to grab a point and stop Roma from pulling level on

points in second place.
Napoli lead with 36 points ahead of Milan on 32 and Roma, who beat Como 1-0, on 31. Sampdoria, beaten 2-0 at Cesena, staved fourth with 26.

Torino and Milan were able day, losing 1-0 at relegation-

ambling towards a 0-0 draw when Giorgio Bresciani took advantage of a mistake by Filippo Galli and burst forward to put Torino ahead with a low drive in the 77th minute.

The goal aroused Milan who were also aware that Roma were leading Como and they hit back within a minute with a header by former Roma player Carlo Roma, boosted by consecutive

maintained their challenge with a good win at Como, the only goal arriving in the 47th minute from Roberto Policano.

Juventus had another miser-

wins against Juventus and Napoli,

Avellino, who have been beaten easily by most of the leading clubs this season, scored

through Alessandro Bertoni in the 25th minute following an indirect free-kick. Sampdoria were 1-0 down after 15 minutes against Cesena and 2-0 down by the 40th minute.

Both goals were scored by Alessandro Bianchi who was unlucky not to get a hat-trick. Verona beat Ascoli 2-1 in a match which saw the visitors re-

duced to 10 men when Brazilian Walter Casagrande was sent off for protesting.
Internazionale Milan's veteran Italian striker Alessandro Altobelli made a scoring return to the side

their 2-1 win over Pisa. Pisa equallised in the 87th through Claudio Sclosa but Inter grabbed their winner in the 89th minute through Riccardo Ferri.

by netting in the 10th minute of

# Liverpool outclasses Manchester City

LONDON (R) - Liverpool, the unbeaten runaway leaders of the English First Division, maintained their hopes of a "double" triumph on Sunday when they marched into the semifinals of the F.A. Cup with a 4-0 win at Second Division Manchester

Despite the absence of their leading scorer Irish international striker John Aldridge, Liverpool totally outclassed their opponents and won with goals from Ray Houghton, Peter Beardsley, Craig Johnston and John Barnes. The win secured Liverpool's

place in the last four of the cup alongside Luton Town, Nottingham Forest and Wimbledon. The made Monday.

draw for the semifinals will be The other three semifinal

when Nottingham Forest won 2-1 at Arsenal, Luton beat Portsmouth 3-1 and Wimbledon, despite being reduced to 10 men, came from behind to beat Wat-

When Forest step out for their semifinal on April 9 or 10, it will be manager Brian Clough's first experience of reaching the last four in a highly successful 32-year career in soccer. Luton, having secured three

Wembley appearances already in the League's centenary festival, the English League Cup and the full Members' Cup — will be chasing a record third cup final

On a heavy, rain-soaked pitch, Liverpool dominated from the

chances to show the promise places were settled Saturday which has earned them a reputation as the most talented young side in England.

After spending half an hour adjusting to the conditions, Liverpool took the lead with a beautifully executed goal in the 32nd minute.

England winger Barnes, whose skill and pace was a constant source of embarrassment to City's defence, escaped on the left and from his low cross Houghton hooked the ball in at the near post.

City had one of their rare openings before the interval when a low Paul Stewart shot was saved, but soon afterwards they were killed off when Peter Beardsley scored from a botly disputed start and City were given few penalty in the 53rd minute.

# Ramirez retains WBC lightweight crown

PARIS (AP) — Mexican Jose Luis Ramirez retained his World Boxing Council (WBC) light-weight crown Saturday with a controversial split decision over 1984 Olympic gold medallist Pernell Whitaker of the United States.

Whitaker appeared to have an easy time from the start and was peppering the champion with right jabs throughout the fight. He moved easily out of trouble but was missing combinations late in the fight after possibly breaking his left hand in the middle rounds.

Although Ramirez kept trying to come in, he failed to score often and Whitaker was able to stay knockdowns.

Judge Harry Gibbs of Britain scored it 117-113 in favour of Whitaker, which was in line with most ringside observers, including Angelo Dundee, who commented on the fight for ABC Television.

However Newton Campos of Brazil had it

118-113 for Ramirez and Louis Michel of France had it 116-115 in Ramirez' favour, giving the Mexican his second title defence since winning back the lightweight title last July.

"I had Whitaker by five points on my cards," said Dundee. "But the aggressiveness may have played a part. The Latin judges love that aggressiveness.

Whitaker thus lost his first professional bout in

16 outings since turning pro in November, 1984. Ramirez is 101-6 in a professional career that started when he was 14.

Whitaker started the fight moving constantly to his right while finding the range with his right jab. Ramirez was coming in but missing as Whitaker scored combinations throughout the first four

In the middle rounds, Ramirez kept coming in and was able to slow Whitaker a bit, sometimes connecting with a short right hook.

However, Whitaker was able to score with combinations of his own, as he sudd and landed crosses and uppercuts. But shortly after the sixth round, Whitaker was

clinching more and preferring not to "stick and jab" as manager Lou Duva kept imploring him in The break of his left hand, and old injury,

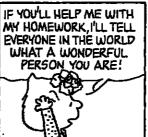
slowed Whitaker and Ramirez was able to catch up with him occasionally, but still not enough to turn the fight in the Mexican's direction.

"I thought I had a shutout," Whitaker said after the fight. "I just wanted to get past the sixth round and then win just two after that.'

In the final two rounds, Whitaker still stayed out of trouble and had a combination or two left in his

## **Peanuts**





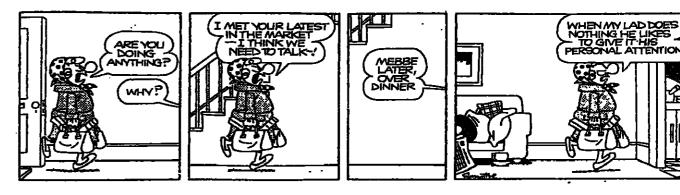




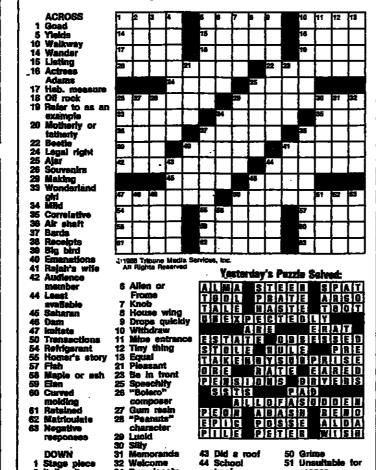
## Mutt'n' Jeff



## **Andy Capp**



# The Daily Commuter Puzzle



# Angola presents new southern Kohl to African peace proposal to U.S. visit

LISBON (Agencies) — Angola presented a new peace proposal for southern Africa to the United States during talks last week in Luanda between Angolan, Cuban and U.S. officials, the news agency ANGOP said Sunday.

The official Angolan agency. monitored in Lisbon, said the project involved Angola, Cuba, South Africa and the Namibian nationalist guerrilla group SWA-PO and "would permit security in Angola, independence of Namibia and peace for both coun-

"The proposal included a timetable for the withdrawal to the north of Cuban troops stationed in the south and their gradual total evacuation from Angola," ANGOP said, citing a Foreign Ministry communique issued Saturday.

The statement gave no other details but repeated long-standing demands that South Africa end its military involvement in Angola and that both Washington and

LONDON (AP) — British en-

gineer James Abra, who was

serving a life sentence in a Libyan

prison for alleged spying, was released Sunday, the British

Libyan capital of Tripoli into the

custody of the head of the British

Interests Section at the Italian

embassy, said the spokesman,

speaking anonymously in keeping

He said Abra, who was em-

ployed by the Plessey Co. Plc.,

the British electronics giant, was

unlikely to leave for Britain

Labour Party lawmaker Ron

Brown, who has close personal

links with Libyan leader Colonel

Muammar Qadhafi and has been

instrumental in winning the re-

lease of several other Britons im-

prisoned in Libya, flew to Tripo-

lic Saturday to be on hand for

Abra, the last Briton impris-

oned in Libya, was arrested on

June 20, 1985 in the departure

lounge of Tripoli airport and ac-

cused of passing classified in-

He was convicted of spying in

**WORLD NEWS BRIEFS** 

Dhaka marchers demand Islamic republic

DHAKA (R) - About 3,000 Muslims staged a noisy but peaceful

demonstration in Dhaka Sunday demanding Bangladesh be made

an Islamic republic. Steel-helmeted police stood guard during the

march, which marked the anniversary of a Muslim protest last

year which erupted in violence with 100 people injured. Sunday's

slogan-chanting demonstrators also denounced police handling of

the 1987 march. Nearly 90 per cent of Bangladesh's 107 million people are Muslim. Ruling Jatiya Party sources said last week

President Hossain Mohammad Ershad was considering a plan to

make Islam the state religion. Opposition, parties are against the

idea. "This would just be an attempt to divert people's attention

from the political and economic problems he (Ershad) is facing,

a senior member of the Awami League opposition party said.

MERCURY, Nevada (AP) - More than 1,100 anti-nuclear

protesters, including actress Teri Garr and actor Robert Blake,

were arrested Saturday at the nation's nuclear testing grounds.

Nye County authorities estimated the crowd of protesters at 3,000, well below the 5,000 to 10,000 organisers predicted would

come to the remote site 105 kilometres northwest of Las Vegas.

Saturday's demonstration, dubbed "reclaim the test site," was

part of a 10-day protest at the site through March 20. By late

afternoon the number of arrests had reached 1,136 and continued

to grow, said Department of Energy spokesman Chris West.

Protesters climbed barbed wire fences surrounding the 3,500-

square kilometre site, began walking across the desolate desert

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) declined comment Saturday on reports in Taiwan that it

smuggled out a nuclear scientist who is missing from his job. "We can neither confirm or deny the reports," CIA spokesman Bill

Devine said in response to questions from Reuters. He declined

to elaborate. In Taipei, the government said it has issued a warrant for the arrest of the scientist and was investigating reports

he had fled the country. Taiwanese Defence Minister Cheng

Wei-Yuan in parliament denied news reports that the scientist

missing from his job, Chang Hsien-Yi, had left with secrets

showing the island was producing nuclear weapons. Newspapers

in Taiwan suggested he was spirited out of the country by the

ROME (AP) - The Italian Justice Ministry said Saturday it

denied two requests to pardon Mehmet Ali Agea, the Turk who

shot Pope John Paul II during an assassination attempt in St.

Peter's Square in 1981. Agea was sentenced to life in prison for attempted murder. He is held at the Ascoli Piceno prison, 190

kilometres northwest of Rome. The Pope announced from his hospital bed five days after the May 13 shooting that he had

decided to pardon his assailant. In December 1983, the Pope went

to Agca's prison cell to personally give Agca his pardon. The Justice Ministry said Saturday that Agca's mother first asked

Italian officials for a pardon in February 1987, and when that

request was rejected she made another in September. Justice

Minister Guiliano Vassalli rejected the latest request on Dec. 3.

The ministry did not say why it did not announce earlier that it

had rejected the requests.

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Anti-nuke protest in Nevada

and were arrested by waiting authorities.

April 1986 and sentenced to life

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Abra, 59, was released in the

Foreign Office said.

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Sunday.

Abra's release.

from Libyan prison

Pretoria cease aid to right-wing UNITA rebels.

"This gesture of flexibility and good will by the Angolan and Cuban governments is conditioned on the cessation of support by the U.S. and South Africa to UNITA and the withdrawal of South African forces from Angola," it said.

ANGOP said the proposal was presented at a March 9-11 meeting of Angolan Justice Minister Fernando Van-Dunem, Rodolfo Puente Ferro of the Cuban Communist Party's Central Committee and Larry Napper of the U.S. State Department.

"The talks were a preparatory step to the next round of negotiations at a higher level between the two countries," it added, but did not say when new negotiations would take place.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Chester Crocker has held three rounds of talks in Luanda in the last six months on removing Cuban troops from Angola and achieving independence for Namibia, ruled by Pretoria in defiance of the United Nations.

Some 35,000 Cuban soldiers are stationed in Angola, helping the Marxist government fight re-bels of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA).

UNITA is supported by Pretoria and Washington and has opposed the government since just after independence from Portugal in 1975.

#### Crocker to meet with Botha

In a related development, the U.S. State Department announced Saturday that Crocker will bold his first talks in two years with South Africa's foreign plan for southern Africa.

Crocker's meeting with Roclof "Pik" Botha next week at an unspecified European location also will give the United States an opportunity to "register concern" about recent developments in South Africa, spokeswoman Anita Stockman said. The United States has complained about antidissent measures proposed in South Africa in the past few

Stockman said Crocker's meeting with Botha will "afford an opportunity to reassess South Africa's willingness to proceed toward a settlement involving total Cuban troop withdrawal from Angola and Namibian independence based on U.N. Security

Council Resolution 435." Crocker also is expected to restate U.S. demands for a cessation of cross border forays by South African troops and concern about a new crackdown on groups seeking more rights for the country's black majority.

# British engineer freed Soviet paper questions cost of ending hijack

Plessey denied Abra had access to sensitive information. He had worked for Plessey's radar division for 14 years, installing, maintaining and servicing electronic been caused by the assault team.

a stewardess were killed.

"We have the right to ask the

question — Didn't we pay too high a price for the decision to

detain the bandits on our terri-

tory by any means?" the news-

paper Komsomolskaya Pravda

It raised the question of who

shot the most seriously-wounded

survivor, 26-year-old Igor Moisel,

who was hit from behind when he

was out of the airplane and stand-

Moisel had led other passen-

gers through an escape hatch, and

was on the ground when he was

hit by a bullet that entered his

body at the waist and exited from

"He was one of the first on the

ground and it seemed the danger

had passed, but at this very mo-

ment a shot came. From where?

one of extreme darkness, and the

"Of course, the situation was

He couldn't understand."

his lung, the newspaper said.

ing on the military

apparent safety.

equipment. His Czech-born wife Radislava. 58, died of a heart attack last July after a fire at their home in Hitchin, 51 kilometres north of

According to reports on JANA, Libya's official news agency, the Libyan government declared an amnesty for foreigners of various nationalities held in Libyan prisons.

A dispatch last week quoted a Libyan Foreign Ministry official as saying the prisoner release was an expression of the "freedom and liberty" brought by Libya's 1969 revolution and evidence of its "humanitarian aspect."

The Foreign Office said the Italian embassy, which looks af-ter Britain's interests in Libya, had submitted Abra's name for consideration.

Britain broke diplomatic relations with Libya in April 1984 fatally shot during a Libyan dissident demonstration. Britain said she was killed by a Libyan shooting from inside the embassy.

plane was burning," it added.
The Aviation Ministry news-MOSCOW (R) — A Soviet newspaper Sunday asked whether the paper said earlier this week that, cost in lives of ending a bizarre at one point, soldiers were shoothijack bid was too high, and ing from the ground through the implied some injuries may have

floor of the plane, apparently Nine people were killed and 24 injured in Tuesday's attempt by a blindly. It said one of the hijackers had been killed that way. Komsomolskaya Pravda said jazz-band family from Siberia to another passenger suffered a fice to the West by hijacking a blow to the face from an object Soviet TU-154 airliner on a flight from Irkutsk to Leningrad. similar to an automatic rifle butt. The attempt by the 11-member The hijackers were carrying

sawn-off shotguns. Ovechkin family was stopped The newspaper quoted passengers as saying that the sight of when the plane landed on a military airfield near Leningrad and soldiers on the military airfield an assault team burst into the caused the hijackers to panic. aircraft with guns blazing. Five Ovechkins, three passengers and

"Look, soldiers. They must remove the soldiers. Get the bomb ready, we'll blow up the plane. Look, one of them (the soldiers) is lying behind the wheel," the witnesses quoted the hijackers as saying, the paper said.

Another Soviet newspaper, Izvestia, suggested earlier this week the rescue operation was bungled, saying the hijackers began shooting when they saw soldiers running towards the plane.

Komsomolskaya Pravda said zer inturies were burns and broken bones. There was an explosion in the rear of the plane and it burned to ashes, with many of the 76 passengers escaping by jumping from the

wing onto the landing strip.

The paper said that had the plane been flown to London, as the hijackers desired, the British would have had two choices under international civil aviation agreements —to extradite the family or place them on trial for hijacking in Britain.

# Moscow this year

BONN (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl will pay an official visit to the Soviet Union this year while Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev will come to West Germany in the first half of 1989, Kohl's office announced

Exact dates would be decided later, government spokesman Friedhelm Ost said in a state-

West German officials said last

year they wanted a Gorbachev visit in the first half of 1988 while West Germany held the presidency of the European Community. But Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said during a visit to Bonn in January that any meeting between the leaders would not even be discussed until the second half of 1988

Kohl sent relations plummeting in October 1986 when he compared Gorbachev's publicity skills with those of Nazi propagandist Josef Goebbels.

Since then, however, ties have improved markedly with visits to Moscow in 1987 by West German President Richard Von Weizsaecker and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher.

# Kathmandu mourns stadium tragedy victims

KATHMANDU (R) — The smoke of funeral pyres rose over Kathmandu Sunday as mourning relatives carried the victims of Saturday's deadly stadium stampede to the cremation grounds by the Baemati River.

Divided on Hindu caste lines in death as in life, the higher-caste victims were taken to the Pashtupatinath cremation ground and others to that at Kalamochan some distance away.

The official death toll stood at 75 but doctors said that could rise Weeping relatives searched the

city's five hospitals for the mis-Unidentified bodies were laid out in hospital corridors.

The disaster was caused when football spectators fleeing from a sudden hailstorm were crushed to death against gates that, witnesses said, police refused to unlock.

Doctors, blaming lack of medicine and trained personnel in this remote country, one of the world's 10 poorest, said more deaths were inevitable.

# India rejects Tigers' latest ceasefire call

NEW DELHI (AP) — The government has rejected the latest call for a ceasefire in Sri Lanka by Tamil rebel leader Velupillai Prabhakaran, an Indian diplomat

said Sunday.

The diplomat, who spoke on condition he not be named, said the appeal released Saturday in the southern Indian city of Madras was one "of a series of communications we've received from time to time.

But he said Prabhakaran's actions in Sri Lanka do not match his

The diplomat said that Prabhakaran's Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eciam, the largest of the rebel groups operating in Sri Lanka, continue to attack rival Tamil militants.

The diplomat also said the Tigers have refused to surrender their weapons, as called for in an flouted the accord by failing to their weapons, as called for in an Indian-brokered peace accord fulfill her commitments," his

ending nearly five years of Tamil guerrilla warfare.

India has an estimated 50,000 troops in Sri Lanka to enforce the accord. Prabhakaran has been operating underground since an Indian offensive against his stron-ghold in Jaffna last October.

In the communique made public in Madras, Prabhakaran renewed the Tigers' appeal for a ceasefire and negotiations to end the conflict. India has insisted that the Tigers lay down their arms before talks are held.

Prabhakaran said he was sceptical the Sri Lankan Sinhalese majority would abide by the peace accord.

"Our concern for our people is based on our legitimate fear of the chauvinistic attitude of the Sri signed last July and aimed at statement said.

# Jackson wins home state; Dole woos voters

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — Jesse Jackson easily won the Democratic caucuses in his native South Carolina, while Senator Bob Dole went on Illinois television Saturday night to plead for Republican votes in his bid for the presidential nomination.

Jackson took a commanding lead in the caucuses and maintained a better than 2-1 margin over the uncommitted, who represented the second-largest bloc of delegates being elected to county conventions in South

With 59 per cent of the precincts reporting, Jackson won 4,796 county convention delegates for 53 per cent, while the uncommitted trailed with 1,813 delegates for 20 per cent. Tennessee Senator Albert Gore was in third place with 18 per cent and other candidates were far behind.

#### Dole: 'underdog'

In his 30-minute broadcast, Dole said: "I know I'm the underdog in this race.

"The issues are more impor-tant than the odds," he said. "I didn't expect this job to be handed to me in the first place." The Kansas senator, who ear-

lier acknowledged that his campaign team is "hanging by our fingernails," invested \$100,000 in the broadcast in an attempt to stop the momentum of Republican front-runner, Vice-President George Bush.

A Chicago Tribune poll published in Sunday editions said Bush was far ahead of Dole in Illinois, while home state Senator Paul Simon was leading the Democratic field, followed closely by Jackson.

The newspaper also endorsed Gore in the Democratic contest, passing over native Simon and

Jackson, who has made Illinois his adoptive home state.

"I dare George Bush to debate Bob Dole," Dole told a news conference earlier Saturday. In originating his broadcast from Knox College in Galesburg, he had picked the time and site to conform to Bush's appearance at the same location, he said. .

Bush has refused Dole's challenge for a debate.

Gore, whose success in southem primaries on March 8 catapulted him into contention in the Democratic race, had counted on another boost from South Caro-

We have worked very hard in this state and I think we have an opportunity to do extremely well here," Gore said during a campaign stop in Columbia, South

#### 'Bush would win today'

Vice-President George Bush would beat any Democrat if the presidential election were held today, according to a Newsweek opinion poll issued Saturday.

Bush would defeat Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis 49 per cent to 43 per cent, Jackson 58 to 35 per cent and Gore 55 to 37 per cent, according to the magazine's survey taken on March 10 and 11.

But the number of people who believe the vice-President should disclose more about his role in the Iran-Contra scandal has increased, the Newsweek poll

The Newsweek survey said Dole would run just behind Dukakis at 45 to 44 per cent, within the poll's margin of error of plus or minus four points. Dole led Jackson 58 to 35 per cent and Gore 53 to 34 per cent.

#### Malle film sweeps awards

call last week.

PARIS (R) — Film director Louis Malle's cinematic reminiscences of his childhood Jewish friends during the Nazi occupation of France, Saturday won. seven Cesars, the French equivalent of Hollywood's Academy Enfants" won awards for Best Film, Best Director, and Best Original Screenplay, as well as winning top honours in Decoration, Editing, Photography and Sound. The film, which is a success in the United States and has been nominated for an American "Oscar" as Best Foreign Film, marked a homecoming for the French director whose movies about the United States, such as "Atlantic City," have been box office hits and widely praised by critics. Bernardo Bertolucci's "The Last Emperor" won the Cesar for Best Foreign Film.

### No ban on Bible

DUBLIN (R) - The Irish Censorship Board has decided not to ban the Bible. It rejected a complaint by a Dublin housewife who said it glorified violence. The board, which has banned Hindu erotic art books and the internationally available sex manual. The Joy of Sex," said it had considered Anne Spicer's complaint against the Bible with great care but decided to take no action. She reacted angrily to the decision, telling the Irish press: How do the censors explain their banning of a Hindu book of erotic art? Hindrism has at least as valid a claim to historical importance as Judao-Christian writing. The Hindu book celebrated lust and sexuality and was banned. The Bible glorifies death and destruction and is not

## Pollution causing whelk sex change

LONDON (AP) — Scientists have determined that poliution along Britain's coastine is causing female whelks to acquire male characteristics, making it impossible for them to reproduce, a newspaper reported Sunday. The weekly Observer said dog whelks. a variety of the large marine snails, have disappeared entirely from some sections of the coast. It said the Cumbrian Sea Fisher ics Committee, a marine biologists' group in Northwest England suspects that an anti-fouling paint used on the hulls of boats is causing the sex-change phenomenon. Just one part per milhon of the chemical tributyitin. (TBT) in sea water causes the female whelks to develop male organs and "we are 100 per cent certain that this problem is caused by TBT, marine biologist saying

# My Lai massacre 20 years ago shocked a nation

EDITOR'S NOTE: Wednesday, March 16, is the 20th anniversary of cre of civilians by U.S. troops at the Vietnamese village of My Lai. The writer covered the Vietnam war as an Associated Press correspondent, returned to Southeast Asia a decade after the war ended and visited My Lai in December 1984.

#### By George Esper The Associated Press

BOSTON - At 7:22 on a Saturday morning 20 years ago, Charlie Company lifted off in helicopters with rifles on their arms and revenge in their hearts. The infantrymen were on a mission to My Lai that would become synonymous with shame and cover-up.

Two minutes after they were airborne on that day, March 16, 1968, U.S. artillery guns firing in support from landing zone Uptight indiscriminately shelled the village. Helicopter gunships raked the landing zone with rockets and machine gun fire.

The thundering artillery, the whistling rockets and the steady clatter of machine guns sent villagers who had been working in the rice paddies diving for cover along the dikes and in the buffalo pits in the fields. Others, like Pham Thi Trinh, then a 10-yearold schoolgirl, and her family took refuge in homemade shelters in front of their huts.

As the troop-carrying helicopters from Task Force Barker made their final approach, smoke from fires touched off by the artillery poured into the skies. At 7:30, the first troops landed, aroused about a grudge operation aimed at evening the score for the American casualties suffered from mines, booby traps and

The attitude of all the men, the majority, I would say, was a revengeful attitude," said Greg-ory Olson in testimony at a military inquiry into the My Lai assault. "They all felt a little bad

because (we) lost a number of

buddies to My Lai." "People were talking about killing everything that moved," recalled another participant, Robert Pendleton. "Everyone

knew what we were going to do."
The target was the 48th Viet
Cong Local Force Battalion, perhaps as many as 250 troops that intelligence said posed a threat to the provincial capital of Quang Ngai City six miles (10

kilometres) away. Captain Ernest L. Medina, the commander of Charlie Company, told his troops the civilians would be on their way to the local marketplaces in Quang Ngai City by 7 a.m. but that was not the

Charlie Company's 1st platoon, led by Lieutenant William L. Calley, Jr., moved into My Lai firing at fleeing Vietnamese, throwing grenades into houses and bunkers, and slaughtering

"We heard the sound of American soldiers," Pham Thi Trinh told a reporter years later. "People hiding in the shelter got out as they usually did when Americans entered the village." The U.S. troops ordered her family and four neighbours to the front of the house, she said. She hid in a bedroom.

"They shot to death three cows first," she said. "Then they knelt and shot my family. People tried to run away. My parents, six brothers and sisters, grandmother and aunt and uncle were killed." Vo Thi Lien, then 11, was in a

shelter with her grandparents.

"I saw three American soldiers

shelter and then throw grenades into it and hit my grandmother.' she said. Unable to find a way out of the collapsing shelter, she and her grandfather finally were rescued by some villagers.

By the time Charlie Company left My Lai in the early afternoon, its troops had killed at least 175-200 Vietnamese men, women and children, according to the 1970 report of the army inquiry headed by the late Lieutenant-General William R. Peers.

The evidence indicates that only three or four were confirmed as Viet Cong, although there were undoubtedly several unarmed Viet Cong men, women and children among them and many more active supporters and sympathisers," the Peers report

Separate estimates by the criminal investigation division of the army together with other evidence indicated more than 400 civilians were killed.

A plaque in My Lai is inscribed with the names of 504 men, women and children Vietnamese officials say died in the massacre.

The only American casualty reported in Charlie Company was a soldier who was wounded by the discharge of his rifle. Of Calley, the central figure of

My Lai, the Peers report said: "He directed and supervised the men of his platoon in the systematic killing of many non-com-batants in and around My Lai. He personally participated in the killing of some non-combatants."

Of the leader of the 2nd Platoon, Lieutenant Steven K. Brooks, one of four officers involved in My Lai who were killed in action in the following months, the report said: "He directed and supervised the men of his platoon in the systematic killing of at least point guns and shoot into the 60 to 70 non-combatants... he

observed, did not prevent, and failed to report several rapes by members of his platoon. Some Vietnamese were spared

by the courage of Warrant Officer Hugh Thompson, an American helicopter pilot, who threatened to fire on his fellow soldiers if they harmed a group of 12 to 16 Vietnamese women, children and old men cowering in a bunker. Thompson landed his helicop-

ter near the bunker and ordered his crew to fire on the American infantrymen if they fired on the Vietnamese while he was trying to get them evacuated.

The outside world knew nothing of My Lai for more than a

year. The Peers inquiry cited 28

officers ranging from generals to

enlisted men for covering up the On March 29, 1969, Ron Ridenbour, a Vietnam veteran, sent letters to 30 military and congressional leaders saying he had heard many reports from soldiers who had served in Charlie Company that something

'very black" had happened in

My Lai and a public investigation

should be made. Eight months later, on Nov. 24. 1969, Calley was ordered court-martialled on charges of premeditated murder of 109 Viet-

"If I have committed a crime," Calley said in his defence, "the only crime that I have committed is in judgment of my values. Apparently I have valued by troops' lives more than I did that of the enemy. When my troops were getting massacred and mauled by an enemy I couldn't see, I couldn't feel and I couldn't touch — that nobody in the military ever described as anything other than Communism."

In March 1971, a jury of six senior officers convicted Calley of first-degree murder of at least 22 villagers, including a boy fleeing in terror whom Calley tossed into

a ditch and shot. The only soldier convicted in the massacre, Calley was ordered to spend life in prison.

His conviction and sentence touched off a public outcry in his support including national petition campaigns, angry speeches in Congress and appeals to President Richard Nixon to pardon him. Five months later, Nixon reduced his sentence to 20 years. Calley actually served three

years under house arrest at Fort Benning, Georgia. He was released when his conviction was overturned by a federal district judge, and he was not returned to house arrest when the 5th U.S. Court of Appeals reinstated the conviction. Initially, 25 officers and en-

listed men were charged, 13 of them accused of direct involvement in the killing. But only six were actually tried, including Medina, the company commander. Although atrocities were com-

mitted by both sides in the Vietnam war, My Lai shocked the United States, a nation that took pride in fighting by the rules of

Today, My Lai is a memorial to its victims. The bodies of the men, women and children rest in the cemeteries and surrounding

In the centre of the village is a large statue of a woman holding a child in her left arm. At her feet are victims of the massacre.

My Lai was reborn when the war ended in 1975. Twenty years after the attack, it is alive again with the scent of flowers in bloom and the langhter of a new genera- Peter Gibbs was quoted as

# New way to fix broken bones THE HAGUE (R) - Two Dutch researchers say they have de-

veloped an easier way to heat

broken bones. The researchers

from Groningen University Hos-

pital say they have made surgical

plates and screws from dissolving

polylactic acid instead of tradi-

tional metal, doing away with the

need for follow-up surgery. The

acid parts dissolve in the body in

about two years, unlike metal

plates and screws which must be

surgically removed after the

break has healed, according to

plastic surgeon Rudolf Bos and chemist Albert Jan Pennings. Bos

told Reuters that researchers had

been trying to produce dissolving.

plates and screws for years but

had been unable to produce a

material strong enough. The new

material had been used for facial

surgery on 15 patients since 1985,

Prince Edward 'plans

LONDON (AP) - Prince Ed

ward, the youngest son of Queen

Elizabeth II, plans to marry the

22-year-old daughter of a Belgian

baroness, a newspaper reported

Sunday. The People, a weekly

London tabloid, said the 24-year

old prince has proposed to Geor-

gia May, whose mother, Cather-

ine, was born a baroness in the

Belgian family Van Den Branden

de Reeth. Edward would have to

give up his rights as fifth in line to:

the British throne if he married

May, a Roman Catholic, the

newspaper said. Britain's 1701

Act of Settlement laid down that

only Protestants could be British

monarchs. The newspaper said

the couple are awaiting the

Queen's permission to be formally engaged. The newspaper quoted May's jilted boyfriend,

New Zealand yachtsman Ed Dan-

by, as saying she told him of the

engagement plan in a telephone

to marry'